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Albany residents will get look at plan

■ Caruso representatives will answer questions on development at Golden Gate Fields
By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Controversial plans for a housing and retail development to replace the asphalt parking lots at the Golden Gate Fields racetrack will be available for public review next week.

The plans follow months of meetings between executives with developer Caruso Affiliated and hundreds of Albany residents.

"I think what people are going to see is a project that has been designed by the community," said Rick Caruso, president and CEO of Caruso Affiliated, by phone earlier this week. "I think they've

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done a very good job of designing it, and it brings with it an enormous amount of public benefit in terms of common space and park space and access to the water that we haven't had for 65 years or more. It'll provide a setting for people to enjoy that waterfront in a safe and comfortable way."

The plans include about 200

apartments on top of 350,000 square feet of retail and a number of amenities such as 20,000 square feet of community meeting rooms, open air plazas, a 2.25-acre park and restaurant atop Fleming Point and more.

It will also include shuttles between the development and Solano Avenue, a parking garage of an undetermined size and possibly a hotel.

Caruso said the project would also generate \$2 million annually in sales tax for Albany's general fund.

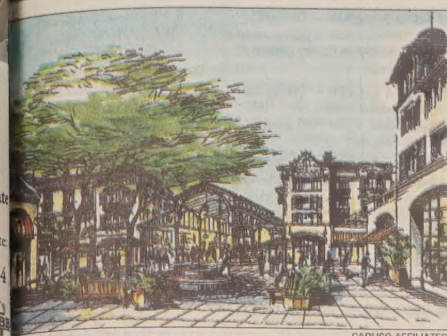
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IF YOU GO

■ **WHAT:** Public review of draft plans for a retail and housing development at the Golden Gate Fields racetrack parking lots. Representatives from developer Caruso Affiliated will take comments, answer questions and discuss the draft plan.

■ **WHEN:** 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday; 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21 at the Edith Stone Room at the community center, 1249 Marin Ave.; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22 at the South Room at the Albany senior center, 846 Masonic Ave.

■ **DETAILS:** Call 510-526-8079



CARUSO AFFILIATED

FARMERS MARKET enclosed in a glass building would be among the amenities proposed in a draft plan for development at the waterfront by Caruso Affiliated. That building is third from the left. Overall, the plan calls for about 200 apartments built on top of 350,000 square feet of retail space.

Portables may ease school crunch

Enrollment has increased at Albany High by more than 250 students since June 2003

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Albany High School is considering the use of portable classrooms as part of an effort to address overcrowding. "The building is not built for as many students as we have," said Principal Ron Rosen, who emphasized the portable building idea was just that. "We have teachers using classrooms — it's crowded."

Joe Mellers, the president of school district fund-raising group SchoolCARE, said he's seen the high school enrollment increase more than 250 students to more than 1,200 since her daughter graduated in June of 2003. But it's not just the high school, said school board member Miriam Walden. The inflow of students at Albany Middle School has prompted the school to hold three buses across the street at the district's adult pool, and the three elementary schools are packed as well.

Albany Middle School Principal Robin Walden said the school has seen its population

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GREGORY URQUIGUA/STAFF

ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL students file down the staircase by the front entrance during lunch break Tuesday. With only two sets of stairs on a campus with an enrollment of more than 1,200, some students say it can be difficult for them to get between classes.

El Cerrito High School hit with hate graffiti

■ Swastikas appear on campus weeks before the city's diversity forum

By Shirley Dang
TIMES STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Mariel Honigman first noticed the small swastika three weeks ago on the girls' bathroom door.

"I took out my Sharpie and covered it up," said Honigman, 17, an El Cerrito High School senior and president of the Jewish Student Union.

"Then I was walking around on campus and started seeing them everywhere."

She finally told history teacher Marsha Hebden, who then inspected the bathrooms.

"Bakersfield Skins" was written on the men's side," Hebden said. "On the women's side, it said, 'Nazis are welcome.'"

The vandalism has shocked students, parents and staff members at the school. It occurred during the Jewish high holidays and just a few weeks before the city's Oct. 15 diversity forum, "Not in Our Town," on tolerance and how to respond to hate crimes.

"Our school has generally

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Rules set on residential events

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors has voted 4-1 to approve a final version of the temporary events ordinance that will allow Kensington resident Danny Scher to hold up to three fund-raising concerts a year at his Coventry Road home.

Supervisor John Gioia said the events ordinance would balance the rights of Scher to hold occasional events in his backyard amphitheater with residents who worry about the disruption and the effect on property values.

"I think people should be able to do reasonable fund-raisers at home on a reasonable basis," said Gioia, following Tuesday af-

ternoon's vote.

The county fined Scher \$800 for three events he held last year, one of which included a fund-raiser for presidential candidate John Kerry starring country singer Bonnie Raitt.

The events ordinance, which will cover all of unincorporated Contra Costa County, will limit the number of people at the events to 200 for two events and 300 for one event.

It would also limit sound levels and require the applicant to pay the county's cost of monitoring the events.

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El Cerrito man offers old-time amusement

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Take a stroll down memory lane Saturday — in the back of San Pablo Avenue office building.

It's Playland-Not-at-the-Beach, one El Cerrito man's tribute to the amusement parks and circuses of the past. The museum and family fun center will hold a free preview fund-raiser event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.

"I think it will be a really exciting opportunity for people to view so many artifacts all collected in one place," said Richard Tuck, the proprietor of the museum, and who in his business card, calls himself the "Master of Fun." "These pieces come from all over the world."

While not all of the attractions are

IF YOU GO

■ **WHAT:** Fund-raiser preview event at Playland-Not-at-the-Beach

■ **WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15

■ **WHERE:** 10979 San Pablo Ave. at Jefferson Street

■ **COST:** Free, but will include a silent auction for trips and gift baskets

completed, the preview will offer an intriguing glimpse of what Tuck, an army of volunteers and a couple of contractors have been working on. He expects it to open officially in spring.

The attraction is in the back of the

building housing Tuck's executive search firm, Lander International. Visitors will be greeted by a 10-foot-tall and 32-foot-long mural celebrating such Great Highway attractions as Playland at the Beach, Sutro's Baths and Museum, Cliff House and Doggie Diner.

Marin-based artists Dan Fontes and Ed Cassel spent nearly a year creating the mural, titled "A Playland for All."

In another room is the Marcks' miniature circus, which offers a detailed scene of the 1930s-era Sells-Floto circus. The sideshow, the menagerie, the big top, the cookhouse, the dressing room tents and the horse farm are reproduced.

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

RICHARD TUCK opens his Playland-Not-at-the-Beach museum for a preview fund-raiser Saturday. On his business card, Tuck calls himself the "Master of Fun."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Kensington

Improvement Club meeting is Oct. 29

The Kensington Improvement Club will hold its annual Town Hall meeting at 9:45 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 29 at the community center, 59 Arlington Ave.

The meeting will begin with a brief general membership meeting, followed by speakers. Refreshments will be served.

Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia will discuss county-wide disaster preparedness and emergency response. Assemblywoman Loni Hancock will speak about the future of the state and her Clean Monday and Elections Act Bill. Other speakers will include Kensington/El Cerrito fire chief Mark Scott and Clara Wood of the Kensington Community Services District.

The Kensington Improvement Club has been active since 1921, which makes it the oldest service organization in Kensington. The board of directors are: President John McKenna; vice president Patrick Tahara; treasurer Anthony Knight; recording secretary David Hertzner; membership secretary Gloria Morrison. The other directors are David Flowers, Janet Hittle, Linda Lipscomb, Lorraine Osmondson, Jaima Roberts, Natalie Salsig, Lawrence Thal, and associate directors Martin and Katherine Trow.

For more details call 510-527-3062.

— Alan Lopez

Albany

Chief officers candle safety advice

As part of National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15, Albany battalion chief Brian Crudo is advising residents to use candles with care.

In 2001, home candle fires killed 190 people and caused more than \$250,000 in property damage in the country, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

To avoid a disaster, Crudo advises the following:

■ Never leave a candle unattended. If power goes out, use a flashlight.

■ Place candles on stable furniture where children and pets can't knock them down and in sturdy holders that will catch dripping wax.

■ Keep them away from flammable objects, such as curtains and blinds, and prohibit them from the rooms of children and teenagers.

■ Extinguish candles carefully, using a long-handled candlesnuffer or soft, directed breath. Be careful not to splatter wax when extinguishing.

In conclusion, Crudo writes, "if you use candles in your home, please 'candle with care.'"

— Alan Lopez

Fire Department hosting open house

The Albany Fire Department is again observing Fire Prevention Week with an open house and pancake breakfast on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at the fire station, 1000 San Pablo Ave. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for ages 6 and under. There will also be a raffle, natural gas safety demonstrations, electrical safety training and an appearance by Sparky the Fire Dog.

— Chris Treadway

Albany YMCA garage sale is Saturday

The annual garage sale at the Albany YMCA takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. It will feature clothing, books, toys, household and office items, and more. Proceeds will support the Albany Y's Youth and Senior Financial Assistance programs. The Albany Y is at 921 Kains Ave., near Solano and San Pablo avenues. For details, call 510-525-1130.

— Chris Treadway

Fire Department offers first aid class

The Albany Fire Department is offering a CPR/first aid class from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The Heartsaver FACTS course combines adult CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator and basic level first-aid procedures. Students will learn how to perform adult and pediatric CPR; relieve an airway obstruction; and use a barrier device during rescue breathing. They will also receive an overview of provider First Aid for acute injuries and sudden illnesses.

The cost is \$35, which includes a text and course completion card. Residents can register by calling the fire department at 510-528-5770.

— Alan Lopez

Chalk festival returns to Marin School

Marin Elementary School in Albany is holding its 10th annual Chalk It Up Festival, a fund-raiser for the school's fine arts program, on Saturday, Oct. 22, on the playground of the school, 1001 Santa Fe Ave.

For \$10 you get a cement square for the day and a box of 24 chalk pastels (the chalk is yours to keep) to create a work of art in chalk. Come anytime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Call the school at 510-558-4740 to reserve your square or buy one at the festival on Saturday.

— Chris Treadway

El Cerrito

Construction safety upgrade at Harding

New safety measures will be taken during renovations at Harding Elementary School in El Cerrito after parents and teachers complained that crews worked without barriers between equipment and students.

Last week, parents claimed a truck drove into a basketball pole on the playground and a backhoe lifted debris over the heads of children.

Proper fencing was erected, said Lance Jackson, construction program manager from Seville Group, contracted to oversee the district's \$550 million in reconstruction. Jackson told the school board last week that Seville has added another on-site manager, Lew Brower.

"There's a heightened sense of safety being first and foremost on that site," Jackson said. He said some of the problems arose from putting new workers from Mobile Modular and Kin Wo Construction on campus as school began.

"I hope you don't use them on another project," said board member Karen Leong Fenton.

Fedcon General Contractors, a subsidiary of Intertex, is the general contractor.

— Shirley Dang

Feng Shui presentation at library

Feng Shui for a Healthy Home is the topic of a free presentation by Nadine Oei on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Oei will discuss simple ways to apply Feng Shui principles to make home and work environments a source of health and inspiration. Oei is a certified Feng Shui consultant and founder of Integrated Spaces for Healthy Living.

For details call 510-526-7512.

— Chris Treadway

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, Oct. 3

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone broke into a blue 1996 Toyota parked in the 500 block of Adams Street and stole the stereo from inside. There were no witnesses.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

■ **ROBBERY ATTEMPT** — An Albany resident reported he was the victim of a robbery attempt at about 11 a.m. while near Solano and Alameda avenues. He said a group of boys demanded money and threatened to shoot him when he refused. They were gone when officers arrived.

■ **NISSAN STOLEN** — Someone stole a 1991 Nissan Pathfinder parked in the 800 block of Evelyn Avenue. The resident returned home from a trip and discovered the car missing.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

■ **DUI** — At about 1 a.m. officers stopped a gray Honda Accord near Solano and San Pablo avenues because the lights were blacked out. The woman who was driving was arrested for DUI.

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■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Shortly before midnight officers stopped a silver 1988 Toyota Corolla near Solano and San Pablo avenues for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 19-year-old Oakland woman, for an outstanding Oakland warrant for public intoxication.

Thursday, Oct. 6

■ **DRUNK IN PUBLIC** — Officers contacted a man and a woman who were fighting and chasing each other on San Pablo Avenue toward Solano Avenue at about 1:30 a.m. They arrested the 50-year-old Richmond man for being drunk in public.

■ **DRUNK IN PUBLIC** — At about 2:30 a.m. officers contacted a 32-year-old Berkeley man who was standing in the road on San Pablo Avenue near Solano Avenue. He was arrested for being drunk in public.

Friday, Oct. 7

■ **TRUCK RECOVERED** — A white 2003 Ford pickup that was stolen out of Albany was located in Petaluma. The owner was notified and the truck was towed.

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Monday, Oct. 3

■ **BICYCLE STOLEN** — A bicycle was taken from a garage on the 2500 block of Tassajara Avenue between 5 p.m. on Oct. 3 and 6:45 a.m. the next day.

■ **ROBBERS TEAM UP** — An 85-year-old resident on the 1200 block of Richmond Street reported to police that a man entered his home and stole cash from his wallet at noon. The robbery occurred while an accomplice offered to do yard work for the resident.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

■ **TRUCK STOLEN** — A Chevrolet Z-71 pickup truck was taken from the Target parking lot at 1 p.m. after the owner left the car running.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

■ **VEHICLE BURGLED** — Property was taken from a vehicle at 2:27 a.m. at San Pablo and Waldo avenues. An officer heard breaking glass in the area and discovered the driver's window smashed by a rock. He also found another vehicle with a smashed window at 3:10 a.m. on the 900 block of Elm Street.

■ **CAR STOLEN** — A 2005 Cadillac Seville was taken sometime between 3 and 6:45 a.m. from the 6600 block of Gatto Avenue.

Thursday, Oct. 6

■ **CAR STOLEN** — A 1993 Honda Accord was taken from the 6800 block of Hagen Boulevard between 10:30 p.m. Oct. 6 and 6 a.m. the next day.

Friday, Oct. 7

■ **VEHICLE BURGLED** — Money, clothing and cologne was taken from a vehicle between 10 p.m. Oct. 7 and 10 a.m. the next day, from the 2500 block of Avila Avenue.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLED** — Property was taken from a 1998 Nissan on the 5200 block of Potrero Avenue sometime between 5 p.m. on Oct. 7 and 11:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — Police recovered a stolen 1985 Piaggio Vespa motor scooter on San Pablo Avenue at Moerer Lane. The vehicle had been reported stolen to Richmond police on Sept. 14.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — Police recovered a 1994 GMC van stolen from the 5900 block of Central Avenue after the vehicle was reported blocking both westbound lanes of Central at Yosemite avenues.

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1990 Honda Accord was taken from the 2600 block of Mira Vista Drive between 10 p.m. on Oct. 7 and 10 a.m. on Oct. 9.

El Cerrito tackles hate issues at diversity forum

By Chris Treadway

STAFF WRITER

Two of the producers of "Not In Our Town — Northern California" will be in attendance Saturday when the film will be shown at the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission's third annual Celebration of Diversity Forum.

The free screening of the 60-minute film, which will be followed by a discussion on how the community should address hate crimes, takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moerer Lane.

The forum has taken on added significance with news that emerged last week of hate graffiti reported at El Cerrito High School.

One of the producers will make a brief statement before the start of the film, which shows how five Northern California communities have taken action against hate crimes. Following the screening, attendees can participate in a conversation on how the community should respond to hate.

The El Cerrito Human Relations Commission had already been planning the forum before school resumed and the graffiti was reported. Despite El Cerrito's diverse population and reputation for tolerance, the commission noted in planning the event that 10 hate crimes were reported in El Cerrito between 1998 and 2003. It also stated that the high school averages eight to 12 race-related incidents a month.

"I think it's especially relevant since all the bad things have been going on at El Cerrito High School," said Joann Steck-Bayat, a member of the human relations commission since 2001. "The forum is designed as a way for a community to think about what to do before a hate crime is committed."

"The film is going to help us all learn about hate crimes, and then we'll have a forum to talk about how we're going to head them off. We don't want things to escalate. We want people to be educated."

At least 100 people are expected to attend, including members of the high school's Black Student Union and Jewish Student Union. Also in attendance will be a gay couple from El Cerrito. Bricks were thrown through the window of their home in 2004. One of the bricks had an anti-gay message attached and neighbors of the couple rallied in

their support, with a block party attended by more than 120 people.

Co-sponsors of the forum include the city, county Supervisor John Gioia, the Islamic Networks Group, the Rainbow Community Center, the Baha'i of El Cerrito, the El Cerrito Branch of the NAACP, El Cerrito High PTSA, Greater Richmond Interfaith Program, El Cerrito Chamber of

Commerce, El Cerrito Safety Committee, Mira United Church of Christ, San Francisco-East Bay, Costa Jewish Community Center, Congregation Beth El, El Cerrito Police Department, El Cerrito Police Department, John Antiochian Orthodox Church, Jewish Community Center and Richmond Police Department.

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Old historic church may fall due to lack of repair

NESTLED ON the corner of Fairview and Ellis streets in Berkeley is a modest mission-style stucco building that houses the South Berkeley Community Church. It doesn't look like much from the outside, but as soon as you go inside you understand why it was one of the oldest buildings in Berkeley to be declared a civic landmark.

The central sanctuary is built entirely in the round — even the pews are curved — with soaring wooden trusses. Ingeniously designed sliding panels open up the sanctuary to include the entire building on special occasions.

Landmarks Commissioner Shelley Emmington calls it "one of the glories of the Arts and Crafts movement of early 20th century," ranking it right up there with two more famous churches that were built in Berkeley at about the same time — Bernard Maybeck's First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Julia Morgan's St. John's Presbyterian Church, now known as the Julia Morgan Theater.

But even more remarkable about the building is the congregation it serves.

South Berkeley Community Church was the first integrated church in Berkeley, according to the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association. One of its first members was former Mayor Maudele Shirek.

The church was built in 1912 by architect Hugo Storch. It was called Park Community Church and the congregation was almost all white.

After World War II the demographics of the area had changed, due to the influx of blacks from the South who came to work in the Richmond shipyards.

Berkeley was a very different place in those days.

You couldn't rent a home with of University Avenue if you were African American, much as you can now. "I remember what a big deal it was when Berkeley hired its first black milkman."

(The prejudice lasted longer after the war. In 1958, Martin and his wife, Leona, bought a house in El Cerrito for \$3,000. The neighbors immediately offered them twice that amount to buy



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

the lot back. They turned it down.) On Nov. 30, 1942, the pastor of Park Community Church wrote an open letter to his congregation: "I am appalled and tremendously disturbed by the change in the population in the last two years. There used to be only two colored families in the immediate vicinity. Now there is one on the same block as the church, the block directly across the street on Ellis is predominantly colored, the house diagonally across the street has been sold to negroes, (sic) and a house in the block below is negro. What shall we do?"

The congregation decided to disband. One year later, a biracial group of 30 families took over the deserted building and founded South Berkeley Community Church.

From the first, SBCC has taken the "community" in its name seriously, offering tutoring, art classes and nutrition programs for youngsters, adult education classes, choral groups, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and a well baby clinic. Every Thursday, church members cook hot lunches for homeless people.

But after almost 100 years, the historic old building is getting seriously run-down.

"The roof is leaking, there's dry rot in the walls, the foundation is unstable, and there are probably termites from ground to roof," says Emmington. "In the past they've tried band-aid solutions, but now it needs a major restoration."

The Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association is hosting a party at the church Oct. 19 to raise money for the restoration. Suggested donation: \$15.

If you can't make it, you can send a check made out to the SBCC Capital Restoration Fund to the church at 1802 Fairview St., Berkeley, CA 94703.

"It's not only an irreplaceable building, it's an irreplaceable community," says Emmington. "It would be a shame to let them fall through the cracks."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

FACES AND PLACES

Albany's SchoolCARE benefits from art exhibit, silent auction

Noche Tropical, the second annual art exhibit and silent auction benefit for Albany's SchoolCARE, will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Albany community center, 1249 Marin Ave.

Eleven Albany artists have donated original paintings, photos and collages to the October exhibit at the Albany community center, "Noche Tropical Art Exhibit 05." The artwork is available for bid by silent auction for the duration of the exhibit.

The Albany Community Center Gallery is open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

Among the artists in the exhibit are Guggenheim winner Bill Dane, who is represented locally by Fraenkel Gallery of San Francisco; Elisa Kleven, award-winning children's book author and illustrator, who donated an original; and local artists Susan Adame, Kanna Aoki, Teresa Barnett, Carol Newborg, Deirdre Shibano, Jo-Anna Phippen, Maureen Rettig, Iris Sabre and Amy St. George.

SchoolCARE is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support Albany school programs.

Information about the art exhibit and tickets for the silent auction are available via e-mail at a saint@pacbell.net. Or call Amy St. George at 510-528-0848.

A discussion on preparing students to be involved citizens will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Albany High School library, 603 Key Route Blvd.

The discussion will ask: how to help tomorrow's leaders grow stronger; how to help each student succeed; what knowledge students should acquire by graduation; and the skills they should learn to become effective adults.

Darrick Smith, the founder of TryUMF, Oakland Tech's successful empowerment program, will speak.

The discussion is sponsored by the high school Parent Ed Committee, consisting of parents and school district faculty. They are: Merry Selk, Deborah Krow, Monica Frame, Judith McAdin, Lois Peterson, Parnaz Foroutan, Kevin James, Marieta Hanson, Ned Pardon, Tami Benau and Ron Rosenbaum.

For more information, call 510-524-1733.

The El Cerrito Democratic Club's annual dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave.

The social hour will be held at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and then speeches by Assemblywoman Loni Hancock and Bryan Blum, the political director of the California Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.

The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children in advance; or \$25 for adults or \$12.50 for children at the door.

The theme of this year's dinner is "Take Back California." For more information, call 510-527-2194.

Kensington Elementary School's annual Garden Party fund-raiser will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Road, in Kensington.

The event, which raised more than \$75,000 last year, will

Neighbors



LOCAL ARTIST Susan Adame has donated one of her collages at the Albany Community Center exhibit of art to be auctioned at Noche Tropical on Saturday, Nov. 5, to benefit Albany school programs through SchoolCARE.



LOCAL ARTIST Amy St. George, left, who heads the organizing committee for Noche Tropical, and committee member Sheila Erickson hang St. George's work "Bad Hair Day" (acrylic and latex paint) for the Albany Community Center exhibit.

include a live auction of trips to New York and Puerto Vallarta; sports memorabilia, labor from the elementary school Dad's Club, wine tasting and fine art. The auctioneer and emcee will be motivational speaker and former 49er William "Bubba" Paris. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

There will also be a silent auction for student artwork and goods and services from local businesses.

Food and drink will be provided by Arlington Wine and Spirits, Inn Kensington, Beaugard's Bistro, Kensington Bistro, Lola's, local pastry chefs and more.

The cost is \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door. Proceeds benefit Kensington Hilltop Elementary School. For more information, call Christy Wise at 510-558-1842.

Albany SchoolCARE, a school district fund-raising group, delivered a ceremonial check for \$287,000 at the school board's Tuesday night meeting.

The money, raised between Sept. 1 and Aug. 31, will go toward three full-time positions at the district's three elementary schools; 1.2 positions at Albany Middle School and 1.4 positions at Albany High School.

According to an Oct. 14 letter to the board, the positions include a reading specialist and library and/or instructional aides at the elementary schools; eighth-grade electives dance, drama, art and computer science; high school electives psychology, basic art and applied technology;

and four hours of counseling a week at MacGregor continuation high school.

The members of SchoolCARE board are president Sue Mellers, secretary Karen Larson, treasurer Theresa Rumjahn, Teresa Barnett, Sandy Bender, Marguerite Buck-Bauer, Piersa Cirillo, Helene Class, Barbara Grady Ayer, Bob Guletz, David Jacobs-Pontecorvo, Stefanie Kalmin, Janet Seltzer and Amy Tick.

Residents are invited to submit photos, drawings and paintings of Albany scenes for a postcard contest sponsored by the Albany Arts Committee. The winning images will be printed on postcards that will be sold by local merchants. All proceeds will benefit the committee's projects to support the arts in Albany.

Send one to five prints, slides or color inkjet or laser prints with a \$10 entry fee (check payable to City of Albany) to: Images of Albany Contest, Albany Arts Committee, Recreation & Community Services, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany 94706. Entries should include contact information. Participants don't need to live in Albany, but the art must depict an Albany scene. The deadline is Dec. 1. For more information, call 510-528-0848.

formation, call 510-524-9283.

The next luncheon of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce will be held at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd.

El Cerrito youth librarian Stephanie Woodbury will speak about what the library can do for the business community. The cost is \$16. To RSVP and for more information, call 510-233-7040.

A meeting for businesses that wish to contract with the county, originally scheduled at the El Cerrito Senior Center, has changed locations and will be held at the Knox Center at Castro and Portal at Contra Costa College in San Pablo. It will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday Oct. 19.

The event is designed to give El Cerrito business people a chance to network and learn about opportunities for their firms to do business with Contra Costa County.

Business owners will learn what products and services the county will be buying in the coming year, will be trained on how to do business with the county and be given the chance to register at the event as a vendor so they can receive notices of upcoming bid situations.

A short program will be given on financial services, marketing and other topics relevant to small businesses.

The event is sponsored by the city, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, Contra Costa County and the Contra Costa Small Business Development Center. For more information, call 510-233-7040.

Have an item about a scholarship, an award, an interesting vacation or other experience that you'd like to share with other Journal readers? If you have a photo, print or digital, we can use those, too (sorry, we cannot return print photos). Send it to the editor, by e-mail: journal@cctimes.com, or mailing to: Neighbors, The Journal, 4301 Lakeside Dr., Richmond, CA 94806.

LET OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 10-month-old female black and white merle; 6-month-old male shepherd mix white and brown; 10-month-old male terrier mix gray; 10-month-old male terrier mix golden; 2-year-old male spaniel mix brown; 7-month-old male cattle dog mix speckled.

Cats: 6-year-old female DSH black; 4-year-old female DLH tortoiseshell; 4-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 1-year-old female DLH/Maine Coon black tabby; 3-year-old female DSH black and white; 5-month-old male DSH black and white; 5-month-old female DSH gray tabby; 5-year-old female DSH black; kittens of various ages, sizes and colors.

DLH: domestic long hair; SH: domestic medium hair; SH: domestic short hair.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$60; rabbits \$40 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12



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DAME EDNA is a 2-year-old female DSH tortie, and may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Dame Edna is everyone's favorite "aristo-cat." She enjoys showering her many admirers with purrs and gentle head rubs, and also loves a bit of a brushing now and then. For more information about Dame Edna or other animals available for adoption, call or visit the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.



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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Radio system can save lives in disaster

AS WE HAVE SEEN time and again, when the big crisis hits, the first responders simply must be able to communicate with each other. That is not a luxury; it is a necessity. It is literally a matter of life and death.

Emergency personnel in the East Bay may have come one step closer to making that circumstance a reality as they unveiled a radio system that would link Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

Implementation of the regional system would make it possible for the first responders to talk with each other across city and county boundaries.

A survey last year discovered emergency radio problems caused by incompatible technologies and overcrowded frequencies are rampant in the East Bay.

No area should allow that to happen, but that is especially the case in an area that is prone to both earthquakes and massive fires.

If the trials and tribulations of the brave first responders to the 9/11 disaster in New York taught us nothing else, we should have learned that it is absolutely critical for police, fire and emergency rescue personnel to be on the same page when responding to an emergency. The point was driven home again by the communication difficulties in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, especially in New Orleans.

Proponents of the new system say they still must overcome resistance from some local jurisdictions that believe joining the network will mean they lose control of emergency communications systems.

Such concerns are both short-sighted and unfounded.

In an emergency, time can be of the utmost importance. The East Bay should have the best possible communication equipment. Proper communication between first responding agencies in a timely manner could be the difference between stopping another Oakland-Berkeley hills fire and having it turn into a devastating inferno. We say get this system working, the sooner the better.

Private BART funds?

FOR DECADES, BART has considered building a light-rail connector from its Coliseum Station to the Oakland airport. The need for such a high-speed link has grown as more people fly in and out of Oakland and as parking fees in lots outside the airport have quadrupled.

Yet adequate funding has always been elusive even as voters approved regional and state bond measures and taxes for mass transportation, not to mention ever-increasing BART fares. BART does have considerable funds available for the airport connector, but is still about \$70 million short on the estimated \$254 million cost of the project.

To their credit, BART officials are thinking outside the box in an effort to raise the \$70 million. One idea is to partner with a private business to build and operate the airport connector. But one has to wonder where the money would come from to make it worthwhile for a private business to put up \$70 million. Currently, BART's shuttle bus link from the Coliseum to the airport has about 1 million riders a year. Even if the fare for the rail link were raised from \$2 to \$5 a ride, as BART proposes, it doesn't seem that there would be enough revenue to make much of a profit.

Similar predictions of fares exceeding operating costs did not materialize with BART's link to the San Francisco airport. Ridership fell far below estimates. The same could be true of the Oakland airport connector, particularly if fares are \$5 or more. Besides, would any private business operator want to deal with BART unions, which surely will demand that they represent workers on the connector train?

While a rail connection to the Oakland airport would be welcome, more thought needs to be given to its cost, fares and whether a shuttle bus system with longer hours of service would be a more sensible option.

NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Emergency numbers

El Cerrito or Kensington fire, police or medical: 911.

Non-emergency

El Cerrito and Kensington Fire — 510-215-4450.

El Cerrito Police — 510-237-3233.

Kensington Police — 510-233-1214;

business line 510-526-4141.

Sewer problems: Stege Sanitary Service, 510-524-4667.

Water services: East Bay Municipal Utility District, 510-267-1380, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or 510-835-3000 after 4:30 p.m.

Libraries

El Cerrito — 6510 Stockton Ave. Open noon-8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursdays, 1-5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

510-526-7512.

Kensington — 61 Arlington Ave. Open noon-8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursdays, 1-5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

510-524-3043.

Parks and recreation

El Cerrito Recreation Programs — Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Meeting rooms, classes, pool. 510-215-4370.

Canyon Trail Art Center — 6757 Gallo St., El Cerrito. Instruction for children and adults. 510-215-4370 or 510-215-4394.

Kensington Recreation — Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 510-525-0292.

Senior centers

El Cerrito Committee on Aging — Meets at 3 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Ellen Paasch, 510-215-4340.

Christ Lutheran Senior Center — 780 Ashbury Ave. Meets 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays. 510-524-1050.

St. John's Senior Center — 6500 Gladys Ave. Meets 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays. 510-237-3808.

The Open House — 6500 Stockton Ave. Meets 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. 510-215-4340.

Kensington Senior Activity Center — Meets 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 510-526-9148.

Public schools

Main office — 510-234-3825. Information office: 510-620-2245. www.wccusd.k12.ca.us.

Elementary schools

Castro, 7125 Donal Ave., El Cerrito. 510-234-6200.

Fairmont, 724 Kearney St., El Cerrito. 510-525-5235.

Harding, 7230 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito. 510-525-0273.

Kensington, 90 Highland Blvd. 510-526-7343.

Madera, 8500 Madera Drive, El Cerrito. 510-235-4499.

Middle schools

Portola, 1021 Navellier St., El Cerrito. 510-524-0405.

High schools

El Cerrito, 540 Ashbury Ave. 510-525-0234.

Community organizations

El Cerrito Democratic Club — Meets 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. 510-527-2194.

El Cerrito Historical Society — Meets quarterly. 510-525-1730.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cronyism reaches fevered pitch

It's really stunning to me that after the firestorm of criticism over Michael Brown and his incompetence at FEMA, Bush is now upping the ante by nominating Harriet Miers, a spectacularly unqualified crony from his inner circle.

My personal suspicion is he's hoping all the focus on her total lack of experience might distract the confirmation committee from even having time to ask about her views on constitutional law (if she has any of substance).

As a formerly registered Republican who voted for Bush the first time around (sorry, I'm wondering when this completely irresponsible idiot will stop wrecking his own party from the inside out by bringing in the least qualified, most loyal people he can find.

I hope the media will not abandon its newfound guts from the Katrina disaster and continue to root out the truth about Miers and other incompetent cronies that Bush seems so fond of putting in charge of our most important government posts.

Larry Funston
El Cerrito

Global warming

Urging action to control global warming by reducing burning fossil fuels is misplaced.

The concept of global warming by carbon dioxide is based on a theory of radiation by Arrhenius about 1900. This approach fails to include the effect of water vapor and of carbon dioxide in the gravitational field.

Burning fossil fuels, petroleum and coal produces both water vapor and carbon dioxide. Natural gas produces twice the volume of water vapor than of carbon dioxide and coal produces less water vapor.

The atmospheric effect of both gases is controlled almost entirely by the gravitational field, not by radiation, but does affect activity of weather, not the mean temperature.

Earth's orbit about the sun is elliptic, with a period of about 22,000 years. Earth is now very near its closest approach to the sun, which is about 91.4 million miles. It is difficult to predict what effect burning fossil fuels on the earth has, if any, on the elliptic orbit about the sun.

The news media would provide a valuable service to their readers and audiences if they would avoid only dwelling on negative spin.

Charles L. Arnold
Albany

Albany needs Measure A

A community is only as strong as its schools.

For the last three years, Albany schools have been getting stronger. How do I know? I have been teaching history at Albany High School for 22 years. I also have three children who benefit from an Albany education.

I serve on the school district's Budget Advisory Committee and I am active in the Albany Teachers Association.

During most of my tenure in Albany, quality teaching has not been matched by quality district administration. The

election of a new school board in 2002 and the choice of Willie Wong as superintendent of schools turned everything around.

They have balanced the school budget by cutting waste. They have listened to and included teachers and the community more than ever before.

If only Wong were our governor. Unfortunately, our state government refuses to provide adequate funding for schools.

Albany's current school parcel taxes and generous community donations have helped tremendously, but continued inadequate state funding is reversing the progress made by our schools. There just is not enough money to maintain a quality program. Our schools need a new source of revenue.

Measure A will protect our quality curriculum and attract the best teachers and staff members. Measure A will keep our schools strong. Strong schools keep neighborhoods safe from juvenile crime, attract young families, raise the value in everyone's home, create a healthy business climate, and develop productive and caring citizens.

The schools need Measure A. The community needs Measure A. Please vote "yes."

David De Hart
Albany

Nero fiddled

Nero fiddled and George Bush strummed a guitar, while catastrophe raged.

Dick Cheney fished and mansion-hunted. Condoleezza Rice attended the theater and bought thousand-dollar shoes.

Donald Rumsfeld attended a baseball game and Barbara "Marie Antoinette" Bush thought that "underprivileged" masses in the New Orleans Superdome were better off (no food, water or plumbing).

After Bush attended functions in California and Nevada, he regretted damage to one of Tom DeLay's homes. DeLay asked a group of displaced, bewildered children, "Isn't this fun? Just like camping!"

Trying to recoup his losses, Bush and cronies blamed the local authorities and sort of apologized for his lack of leadership.

Cheney's old companies and others are already braced for profitable no-bid contracts reminiscent of such in Iraq.

Bush hopes to spend his way out of abysmally low ratings — on borrowed

money. He's added \$2 trillion to the national debt, \$100 billion into "Homeland Security." What's a few more billion?

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Marion K. Mallory
El Cerrito

Miers not acceptable

Miers' appointment is not acceptable.

We have no record of her position virtually anything. No way to know her position unless the White House reveals a lot of documents, which they are inclined to do.

This cronyism is of the first rank. The conflict of interest is of the first rank.

Should we need to impeach a president, it is the Supreme Court that hears the case. Therefore, it is a conflict of interest that a president have his or her own lawyer on the bench.

This woman may be bright but she is too close to the throne and has no qualifications for this critical job.

Frances Strassmiller
Berkeley

Bush's energy policy

The George W. Bush administration has called for energy conservation in the wake of the Katrina and Rita disasters. He specifically asked that drivers limit their trips to save on gasoline.

Perhaps if he would forgo some of his photo opportunity trips to the Gulf of Mexico and save some jet fuel in the process, his call might be more convincing, instead of somewhat hypocritical.

Another case of do as I say, not as I do. Something that would show he is serious about this would be to put his administration behind getting the automobile industry to make cars that get better gas mileage, but I don't expect this over-business-friendly president, who's shown that he is beholden to the drug and credit card industries, among others, to do so.

As I remember, in 2001 his vice president said that while conservation was "personal virtue," conservation would do anything to solve the nation's energy problems. I would say that this call for conservation constitutes a "flip flop" on the part of the Bush administration, considering its previous cavalier attitude toward saving energy.

While saving energy is still a good thing to do, now and in the future, Bush pronouncements ring rather hollow, given his record.

Gary Lynn
Berkeley

Not Supreme Court material

Harriet Miers is rightfully where she belongs: working under President Bush. If they interpret the Bible the same way, it doesn't bother me.

She should not be interpreting the law in the all-powerful, lifetime position with the Supreme Court.

I hope Democrats in the Senate demand Miers clearly answer important legal questions. We deserve to know the truth about her and not be fooled by her self-proclaimed religious faith.

Jimmie Curran
Berkeley

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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The school is named in honor of the renowned regional architect Bernard Maybeck (1862-1957), whose work provides a model for the school's vision of education. Maybeck combined a concern for living simply and in harmony with nature, an interest in learning from diverse traditions, and a regard for highly disciplined craftsmanship and open-minded innovation. The school works to achieve a similar balance between traditional academic studies, creativity, and exploring, appreciating and preserving the natural environment.

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For more information, please contact our Admissions Director, Trevor Cralle.

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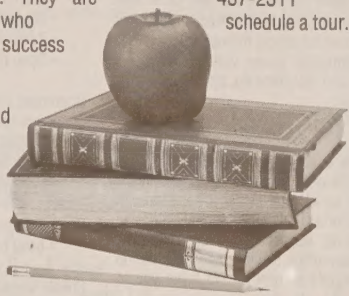
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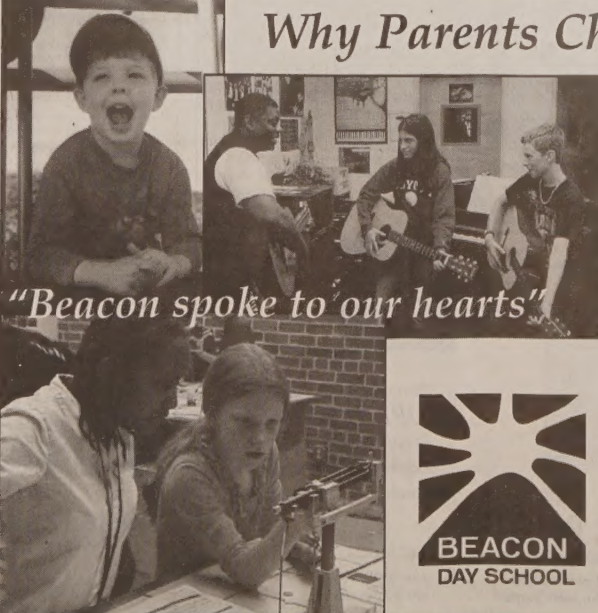
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SCHOOLS

Black Pine Circle

Black Pine Circle School, a K-8th grade school in Berkeley, opens the academic year with a number of exciting changes.

John Carlstrom joins BPC as the new Head of School. With 20 years of experience, most recently as the Assistant Head of School and Middle School Head of the Hamlin School of San Francisco, Mr. Carlstrom brings to BPC his experiential, inter-disciplinary, and humanistic approach to learning that epitomizes BPC's curriculum.

BPC also welcomes Kassandre Harper-Cotton as the Community Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator to lead and improve BPC's efforts in community service and student and faculty diversity.

This year, BPC will inaugurate its Founders' Building, a new classroom space and a 2,000 square foot library, named in honor of the school's original founders.

Black Pine Circle School, established in 1973, is a K-8 independent school in Berkeley, California, specializing in the discovery teaching method taking care to supplement core subjects with artistic endeavors. Visit us this fall to learn more about our curriculum and 2006-2007 enrollment (see ad on this page for Open House dates).

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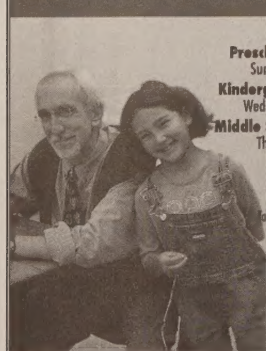
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Park Day School

In 1976, Park Day School is a progressive independent school committed to serving the social, emotional and needs of students in an engaging learning environment. The school is situated on a beautiful two acre garden-like campus in the neighborhood of north Oakland. This year the school will celebrate its 30th anniversary.

In the 2005-06 school year, the school will expand to 7th and 8th grade, combining schools with the Community School of the East Bay. This expansion means that Park Day School will now serve children from elementary and middle school years.

After 14 years of teaching at the school, the faculty seeks to provide a nurturing and exciting learning environment for all children. From kindergarten on, students take classes in music and sports/movement in addition to the regular curriculum.

For more information contact Flo Hodes, Assistant Director and Admissions Coordinator - (510)653-0317 x101 or visit our website - www.parkdayschool.org.

The Renaissance School

The Renaissance School was founded twelve years ago in celebration of the human spirit. The school is committed to providing an education that goes beyond what is expected. Inspired and grounded in the pedagogical principles of two of the 20th Century's most prominent educators, Dr. Maria Montessori and Zoltán Kodály, The Renaissance School seeks to inspire a passion for excellence and nurture curiosity, creativity, and imagination. The Kodály Music Program and a Studio Art program, along with the study of the history and appreciation of both disciplines, are fully integrated into the curriculum. The students at The Renaissance School learn a second and a third language from native speakers in "immersion classrooms." The students thrive in a multicultural and multi-ethnic environment provided by the faculty who represent many countries from five continents. In order to continue the strong commitment to the students and their families, the school is expanding and opening a middle school. We will be accepting applications for the 2005-06 school year starting in October. We still have some openings for the Elementary level for the 2004-05 school year.

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Library sheds light on family history

"The bodies of deceased convicts and unidentified vagrants often were used for such lessons..." — Description of the displayed historical photograph of "Dr. Richard Whitehead with his first-year anatomy class and an assistant in woods near the area now occupied by Wilson Library" (1890)

I DECIDED that as long as I was in Chapel Hill, N.C., I might as well do some research on my mother, who graduated from the university there (University of North Carolina) in 1941. Fortunately, she was in the dramatic art department, where it is commonplace to have at least some photographs of the students.

It didn't take long to discover the Louis Round Wilson Library on the campus, which opened in 1929. According to their blue-and-white flier (those are the UNC colors), this library "serves as the main special collections library and the home for several other collections and services." The two collections where I found pertinent information were the "North Carolina Collection" and the "Imaging and Photographic Services."

I started with the North Carolina Collection. This collection is actually the "largest and most comprehensive collection of traditional library materials related to a single state" (also from their flier). The reading room for library users is huge, with high ceilings and lots of long shiny dark wooden tables.

I told the kind, enthusiastic and friendly librarian what I was looking for and he explained my options: Yearbooks out on the shelves and scrapbooks from the Carolina Playmakers in the



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

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closed stacks. I found one photograph of my mother in the 1939-1940 yearbook, and then turned to the scrapbook.

This turned out to be a fascinating compilation of playbills, photographs, ticket stubs, local newspaper articles and small booklets about theater events. The book was at least 6 inches thick and it measured about 9 by 12 inches — and it was only one of the many scrapbooks on this subject.

The items had originally been glued to the pages, but many were loose, because the glue had long since lost its stick. I turned page after page, looking for any mention of my mother, and as I did, I could see

her progression from assistant technical support to props master to stage manager to finally what looked like a lead part.

The first photograph of her was amazing — there she was, looking so young and so familiar. By the time I had finished, I had the titles and dates of four plays she acted in. After photocopying all the handbills with her name, I then walked down one flight to my next stop.

The man who staffed the "Imaging and Photographic Services" was extremely helpful as well. I gave him the list I had compiled and after a few minutes, he called me into the back. He handed me four manila envelopes and a pair of white cotton gloves, explaining that I would be handling original prints. I went through each envelope, pulled out the ones of my mother, filled out a form and in a few weeks I will receive a CD with the images. Now that is a wonderful use of technology.

In addition to the information about my mother, I learned a couple of other interesting facts. First, Thomas Wolfe was at UNC from 1916-20, and there is actually a Thomas Wolfe Room adjacent to the reading room, with a setting based architecturally on his boyhood home in Asheville, N.C. I also discovered why my mother didn't go to UNC until she was a junior — it turns out that until 1963 the college didn't allow women to attend as freshmen. Now what is the logic of that?

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acclib.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

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■ A Great Books Discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. The selection for this Tuesday is "Our Mutual Friend" by Charles Dickens. For more information, contact Ronnie Davis at ext. 16, or rdavis@acclib.org.

■ Speakers from Legal Assistance for Seniors will present a free workshop on how to protect yourself from scam artists and rip-offs on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 1:30 p.m. The workshop will cover how to detect when someone is trying to defraud you; information on identity theft; information regarding fair credit reporting; and helpful library resources. No registration is required. Refreshments provided. For sign language interpreters or other accommodations, call the branch at least seven working days prior to the event. For more information, contact the Albany Library or the Alameda County Library's Senior Services at 510-745-1491 or 510-745-1499.

■ The library now has free wireless Internet. A library card is required. This service is available during library open hours. For more information, contact Ronnie Davis at ext. 16 or rdavis@acclib.org.

■ The library has several fall programs planned. Weekly sing-a-longs are held Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. by Dale Allen Boland, who has been sharing community music-making with the East Bay for more than 15 years. The sing-a-longs are free and for all ages. No registration is required. Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Participants knit blankets for kittens and puppies. Knitting needles

and yarn are provided, and all levels of knitters are welcome. Preschool story times are held on Saturdays through Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. No registration is required. For more information on any of the programs, contact Ronnie Davis at ext. 16.

El Cerrito Library

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■ The Contra Costa County Library's fourth annual teen reading program, "Like the Movie? Read the Book!", is open to teens in grades 6-12. To get started, pick up your reading record at the El Cerrito Library or download one from the library's Web site at ccclib.org. The program runs through Nov. 5. Everyone who finishes at El Cerrito will receive a ticket for the local raffle held in the library for an iPod Shuffle, CD player and shower radio, and other prizes. The program ends with the workshop, "How to Make Your Own Comic Book," given by Oliver Chin, graphic artist, author and Harvard grad, on Nov. 8.

■ Children ages 3 and up and their families are invited to the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., on Saturday at 11 a.m. for a program of Hal-

loween stories and crafts. Preschool story times are held on Saturdays through Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. No registration is required. For more information on any of the programs, contact Ronnie Davis at ext. 16.

■ Nadine Oei will discuss ways to apply Feng Shui to your home and work environment on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Oei is a certified Feng Shui consultant and founder of Integrated Space & Healthy Living. The event is free.

■ The fall series of Lapar (formerly known as Baby Toddlerline) will continue Nov. 17. These story times meet on Thursdays at 10:11 a.m., are for babies up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 30 minutes and includes songs, books and fingerplay in addition to stories. No registration required.

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The school has opened the application process for entry in the 2006-2007 school year. With openings at kindergarten, grades 6, 7 and 9 and limited space available in the other grades, the School student population averages 750 in three divisions at the Oakland site.

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Coming Up

Children/teens

■ **Los Amiguitos de la Pena** — Children's programs at 10:30 a.m., La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Oct. 15, Juanita Ulloa & Ginny Morgan. — Oct. 22, Gary Lapow presents "Food & Fun." — Oct. 29, Betsy Rose. Tickets: \$3-\$4. Details: www.lapena.org.

■ **Smoke Detector Safety Day** — Oct. 26, Habitat Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Protect your home & family this winter; high quality, low cost smoke detectors available for sale in gift shop. A free smoke detector will be given away hourly. Details: 510-647-1111 or www.habitot.org.

■ **"Groovy Ghoulies"** — Oct. 16, 4 p.m., Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Pop-rock band the Sippy Cups play tunes for both kids & parents to enjoy, with circus performer, puppets, audience participation. Kids encourage to come in costume. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children; call 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Lights On Afterschool** — Oct. 20, 3 p.m. kickoff, Civic Center Park, 2151 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley. Food, music, appearances from Berkeley officials. From 4-7 p.m., Berkeley afterschool programs open to public with student performances, special activities, art projects, food. To locate a participating program, call 510-883-6146 or www.afterschoolalliance.org.

■ **Big Dino Halloween Party** — Oct. 29, 6:30-9 p.m., Lawrence Hall of Science, 100 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. A Halloween party with teeth in it hosted by T. rex. Includes mask making, magic, scary stories, goody hands-on activities, refreshments, costume parade. Tickets: \$12-\$14. Reservations: 510-642-5134. Details: www.lawrencehallscience.org.

■ **Asheba & Halloween** — Oct. 30, 3-4:30 p.m., Asheba Music & Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Halloween Party with Asheba, facepainting and more. Come dressed in your favorite costume. Admission: \$4-\$6. Details: 510-525-5054 or www.asheba.com.

■ **Habitot Halloween** — Oct. 31, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Habitat Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley.

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■ **Day of the Dead** — Nov. 2, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Habitat Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a traditional Mexican holiday celebrating life and spirit. Decorate your own sugar skulls 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in snack room, create your own papel picado banner all day in art studio, watch Enrique Martinez demonstrate traditional art of papel picado 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Details: 510-647-1111.

■ **Crowden School Open House** — Information night, Nov. 2, 7-8:30 p.m., 1475 Rose St., Berkeley. Middle school, grades 4-8, combines challenging curriculum with chamber music program for students of strings, piano, composition. Future dates: Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Feb. 1. Details: 510-559-6910 or www.crowden.org.

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Community

■ **Berkeley Garden Club** — Plant Sale, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 313 Victoria St., El Cerrito. Plants at bargain prices. Details: 510-528-4940.

■ **Albany YMCA Giant Garage Sale** — Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 921 Kains Ave., Albany. Clothing, books, toys, household items, more. Proceeds benefit YMCA Youth & Senior Financial Assistance programs. Details: 510-525-1130.

■ **North Berkeley Senior Center** — Free events. Oct. 14, 1 p.m., Harold Brown discusses BART safety. — Oct. 21, 1:15-3 p.m., Literary Friends: Lucille Ball & Ricky, Fred & Ethel. Details: 510-232-1351. — Oct. 24, 10:15 a.m., Elephant Pharmacy, 1607 Shattuck Ave.

Parkinson's Support Group meets; Peter Koshland, PharmD discusses drug therapy. — Oct. 26, 1:15 p.m., Jeff Carlson talks to Low Vision Group. — Oct. 31, 1 p.m., Stagebridge actors tell tales. Refreshments. — 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-981-5190.

■ **Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmer's Markets** — Tuesday's Market 2-7 p.m. at Derby Street & Martin Luther King Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers market 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at Shattuck Avenue & Rose Street. All organically grown produce featured. — Saturday's market 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Center Street & Martin Luther King Jr. Way. All are open year 'round, rain or shine. Details: 510-548-3333 or www.ecologycenter.org. Coming up: Oct. 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Fall Fruit Tasting with cooking demonstrations; 11 a.m. Annie Somerville of SF's Greens, 12 p.m. Mary Vance features fall fruit.

■ **"Berkeley During World War II: Blackouts and Bombshells"** — Oct. 15, 2 p.m., Central Library community meeting room, 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley. A multimedia presentation by Sayre Van Young. Free. Details: 510-981-6150.

■ **El Cerrito's Citywide Garage Sale** — Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Nearly 100 El Cerrito households will host garage sales. Details: 510-215-4350.

■ **Albany Fire Department Open House** — Oct. 15, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Albany Fire Station, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany. Pancake breakfast, raffle, natural gas safety demonstrations, electrical safety training, Sparky the Fire Dog. Cost: \$5 adults, \$3 kids 6 and under. Details: 510-528-5778.

■ **Tibetan Nyingma Institute** — Sundays, 5-5:45 p.m., Free Chant and Meditation, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. — Oct. 16, 6 p.m., Bob Byrne on "Beyond Meanings." — Oct. 23, 6 p.m., Lama Palzang, Pema Gellek on "Ways of Enlightenment." — Oct. 30, 6 p.m., Bob Byrne on "Holistic Work." Details: 510-843-6812 or www.tnyingmainstitute.com.

■ **Kindergarten Information Night** — Nov. 2, 7 p.m., St. Jerome Catholic School, 320 San Carlos Ave., El Cerrito. Parents of preschool children invited; Principal Maria Korte, staff members will talk about school, answer questions. Details: 510-525-9484.

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Albany

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HURRICANE DONATIONS: Donations from Cornell, as well as Crestmont, Madera, REI and Target, have filled 350 backpacks, which were scheduled for distribution to relocated Hurricane Katrina children at Fruitvale School in Oakland on Oct. 7. Meanwhile, the Hurricane Katrina "Penny Drive" continues. The container is in the main office. All funds collected will be donated to the American Red Cross for the purpose of providing relief for victims of the hurricanes.

HALLOWEEN SCHEDULE: Halloween follows the adjusted "Wednesday schedule" for grades 1-5. No change in kindergarten schedules. All students arrive at 8:30, and leave at 1:40 (grades 4-5) or 1:45 (grades 1-3). Halloween will be celebrated on Monday, Oct. 31, with a Halloween parade around the two blocks closest to the school. Weather permitting, the parade will leave school at 12:50 from the Talbot Ave. vehicle gate (near room 26) going south on Talbot, west on Marin, north on Stannage, and east on Solano. Students should bring costumes in a bag and put them on after they eat lunch. Costumes may not be worn to school. Try to keep costumes simple.

POTLUCK RAFFLE: The PTA will hold its International Potluck & Raffle Drawing on Friday, October 21. The first seating will be at 5:30 p.m. for K-grade 2 families. The second seating will be at 6:30 for grades 3-5. If your last name begins with A-O, bring a main or side dish to serve 12-15 people. If your last name begins with P-Z, bring a dessert to serve 12-15 people. If you can, make a small sign for your dish with your family name and, if appropriate, the country background of

your dish and its name. Write your name on your container if you want it back and bring coats because you might be sitting outside. Any questions? Contact Pat Low at patlow@earthlink.net or leave a message in the International Potluck folder in the main office.

Marin Elementary

DOLPHIN WALL: The forms have come down from the cement wall by the stairs, revealing the beginning of the Marin Dolphin Wall. Many thanks are owed to Lisa Norman, former Marin parent, art teacher and artist, for designing and executing this project. Watch the dolphins and Marin logo develop color in the months to come.

AFTER SCHOOL: All students must go directly home after school or wait in the designated area for pickup. There is no supervision for your children beyond dismissal time.

HABITAT RESTORATION: Volunteers are encouraged to come Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Habitat Restoration Day. Bring garden spades and shovels, wheelbarrows and garden gloves. Wear sturdy work shoes, clothes that can get dirty, and sun protection. Water and snacks provided, but you should bring a bag lunch. For information, contact Penny Barthel at 510-528-2242.

PORTRAITS: School portraits will be taken on Wednesday, Oct. 19. An envelope with information has come home with your child.

DONATIONS: Donations of coins, cash or checks, and personal items are still being accepted for the family of Corey Jones in Louisiana. Any help is greatly appreciated.

IMPORTANT DATES: Oct. 15: Garden restoration work party; Oct. 17: Staff development day (student holiday); Oct. 19: School Picture Day; Oct. 19: PTA meeting, 8:30-10 a.m.; Oct. 21-23: PTA Book Fair; Oct. 22: Chalk It Up; Oct. 31: Halloween parade, if

p.m.; Nov. 17: PTA meeting, 8 p.m.

Ocean View Elementary

VISITOR SIGN-IN: Whether you're entering in classrooms or during off lunch, all visitors need to sign in the office and get a visitor's badge to help keep the school safe and avoid interruptions to teaching and learning.

HEALTHY ICE CREAM: To promote the health and special dietary needs of children, this year we'll have fruit, non-dairy, and sugar-free at our "ice cream" sales, as well as some of the regular items we've had in the past. All items are produced locally.

BOOK FAIR: The Ocean View Book Fair, to be held Oct. 18-21, offers an opportunity to discover new and choose from a wide selection of quality children's books. About 90% of all sales go directly to the Ocean View library. The Book Fair stay open until 8:30 p.m. during traditional Family Night Event, Wednesday, Oct. 19, and will be open on Thursday, Oct. 20, and Friday, Oct. 21. Details: 510-527-0454.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL: You are invited to nominate yourself or a parent to serve on the school council, a group of five staff and parents who meet monthly to plan program improvement. Each council analyzes student assessment results and develops a school improvement plan that sets goals, objectives. Decisions are made regarding funding for classroom educators, professional development and supplies. Nomination forms are in the school's weekly newsletter.

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ing on Monday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. will discuss Ethan Carrin's new book "Carry Me Across the Water," a story about a young boy's journey, relationships, war, love and domestic pleasures. Subsequent meetings will be held on the fourth of every month at the library. The club is sponsored by the

Library items may be e-mailed to journal@cctimes.com.

Library

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■ The library has several fall programs planned. Family evening story times will be held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. except when pre-empted by special programs. Maggie Hooper from the Bat Conservation Fund will present a program on bats on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate Halloween. Illustrator Philippe Ames will present

his book "Meow Said the Mouse" on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. Jan Rotzsch and her seeing-eye dog "Christmas" will present a program on guide dogs for the blind on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m.

■ Amy Gitelman's pastel paintings of Kensington will be on exhibit through Oct. 31. Gitelman paints on location with pastels, and is a resident of El Cerrito.

■ The newly formed Kensington Library Book Club will hold its first meet-

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MARCKS FAMILY MINIATURE CIRCUS of the Solis-Floto Circus
one of many items on exhibit at Playland-Not-at-the-Beach.

Playland

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It's comprised of hundreds of pieces hand carved in wood by deceased El Cerrito resident and Circus Magazine publisher Don Marcks over 50 years. It was originally started by his father, Isaac.

Another room resembles a home-theater screening area, where patrons will see archival footage of Playland and Northern California and the carving of the miniature circus.

In that room are poster-size photographs of Playland's fun house, with attractions such as the Joy Wheel, floating bridges, the mirror maze and the four-story world's tallest slide.

Lovingly displayed is the wooden hat that topped the clown face overshadowing the exterior of the fun house.

The hat appears weathered from 50 years in the elements and is one of the oldest artifacts in the museum.

The other attraction that may bring back memories of eating corn dogs and spending the day at Playland is the walking trolley

Tuck managed to get — one of the mannequins that encircled the roof of the fun house.

Then there's Laughing Sal. The electronic laughing mannequin that terrorized and attracted children when they walked into the fun house is featured prominently in the museum. Sal is on the mural and in close-up photos in the theater room. There's also a full-size replica.

The haunting laugh is replicated on a CD, and the mannequin does the same jerky movements in the same type of red-and-white checkered-framed glass case it was in when Playland operated.

"You could go to a catalogue and buy Laughing Sal from the Funny Frite Factory," said Tuck, a veritable encyclopedia on Playland and other amusement parks.

Tuck happens to have those catalogues in a locked glass case. The cost for a Laughing Sal in the catalogue? \$300. The Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk bid \$50,000 for the original Playland Laughing Sal.

Among the memorabilia are original wool bathing suits from Sutro Baths (another defunct San Francisco attraction located near

Playland), framed and placed on a wall, along with the original opening day 1897 Sutro playbill.

The museum is awash in other memorabilia, including postcards, ribbons and decals from Playland's Model Car Raceway, which Tuck said was the largest operating model raceway in the world; plus original Playland ticket stubs.

Tuck has an original mallet from the High Striker game and an original "Dodger" bumper car refurbished by Rose Autobody in Richmond.

"It probably looks better now than it ever did brand new," Tuck said.

There's a 1935 Christmas card from Leo and George Whitney, the brothers who owned Playland from 1928 until its demise in 1972.

In the kitchen are original menu signs from Playland's Hot House and Bull Pup featuring such amusement park delicacies as spaghetti for 55 cents or an enchilada for 50 cents. Tuck has a few original doors from Playland but hasn't installed them yet.

Spread throughout the museum are a number of working pinball machines, video games and nickelodeons, but they won't

cost visitors a cent to try.

Tuck, an avid amusement park and circus fan who offers a similar gee-whiz tour experience with memorabilia and other surprises at his home in the El Cerrito hills, has been working on the amusement park project for five years.

Much of it is now complete, minus a few attractions, including a tribute to Walt Disney.

Tuck said he expects to have them complete by next year, along with a ramp in the parking lot for the disabled.

He intends to keep the museum free and expand in the future to a location in San Francisco first and then other cities.

For a glimpse of what now exists in El Cerrito, the public is invited to step right up to a free preview Saturday. And like Tuck's commitment to keeping his museum free, the event, which will include a silent auction for trips and gift baskets, will be free as well.

"I think it's going to be fun," Tuck said. "I think it's going to bring a lot of visitors to El Cerrito."

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Graffiti

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been a very open place," said senior Amit Gressel, 17. "This year, with all the swastikas and hate marks, that was something that was surprising."

The graffiti was removed two weeks ago, said Principal Vince Rhea. School police questioned several students but made no arrests.

Rhea said he plans to notify the El Cerrito Police Department about the vandalism.

"It really shows a lot of ignorance," Rhea told students Friday at an emergency meeting of the Jewish Student Union. "At the same time, ignorance is one of the hardest things to fight."

Rhea and parent Ann Manheimer are trying to bring Anti-Defamation League workshops to campus to teach students and staff members how to identify and respond to hate crimes.

"It goes beyond racism and anti-Semitism," Manheimer said. "It's about tolerance for everybody."

In the meantime, the school has ordered maintenance crews to check for and clean up all bathroom graffiti three times a day, Rhea said. Students can report suspicious activity anonymously through special written forms.

Honigman said that during the past few months she's noticed increasing references to the Ku Klux Klan and white power on campus, but didn't report her concerns right away because she thought someone else would.

"I saw it for two weeks before I said anything. I'm not going to lie," Honigman said. "I thought it was going to get cleaned up."

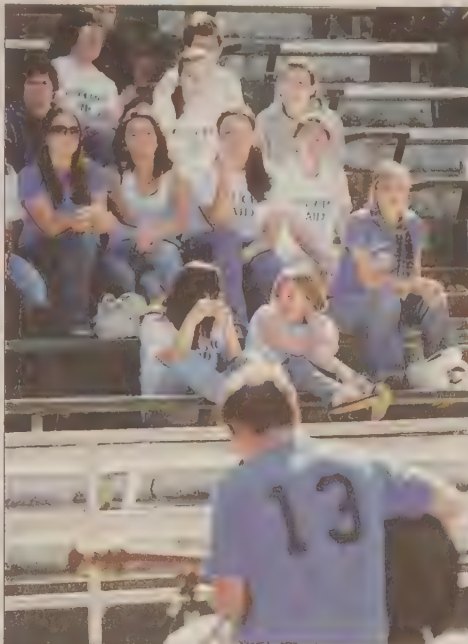
Hebden said she worried that other students or teachers would not speak up out of fear or apathy. The World War II history teacher said that attitude is what led figures such as Adolph Hitler to power.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil," Hebden said, "is when good men and women do nothing."

At the meeting, Gressel said he did not see anti-Semitic graffiti but noticed multiple Stars of David around campus. Gressel said he encouraged his classmates to keep their pens to themselves.

"It's not about who can put up the most symbols," Gressel said.

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Gaucha good will

THE CROWD is enrapt as it watches a musician play Saturday during Gaucha Aid, an El Cerrito High benefit concert for hurricane victims organized by student Sophie Mayer. The event's proceeds will go to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Calendar

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■ **Friends of Albany Seniors** — Pasta Dinner Fund-raiser, Oct. 16, 4-7 p.m., Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. Cost: \$8 adults, \$3 children six & under. Dinner includes salad, spaghetti with or without meat sauce, roll, cake, wine, cider. Details: 510-524-9122.

■ **Homeless Youth: It's Not What You Think** — Community Forum for Concerned Citizens, Oct. 17, 7-9:30 p.m., Lutheran Church of the Cross, 1744 University Ave., Berkeley. Forum shows challenges facing homeless youth ages 18-25. Youth discuss their lives, slide show about shelter life, Q&A. RSVP: yeshvolunteers@yahoo.com.

■ **Mobile Blood Drives** — American Red Cross, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., College of Engineering, Wozniak Lounge, 626 Soda Hall, Berkeley. De-

tails: 800-448-3543 or www.BeADonor.com.

■ **Meet Bunniculat** — Oct. 30, 12-4 p.m., George Vary Special Pet Gear, 1829 Fourth St., Berkeley. Enjoy Halloween Hijinx of rescued bunnies needing new homes. Details: www.rabbitears.org.

■ **BMW Ultimate Drive** for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through October at Weatherford BMW, 750 Potter St., Berkeley. Test drive a fleet vehicle and BMW will donate \$1 for every mile driven. Details: 877-4-A-DRIVE.

■ **Bay Area's Women of Color Action Network** — Fall forum, Nov. 2, 3-6 p.m., UC Berkeley's Clark Kerr Campus, Conference Center, Building 14, 2601 Waring St., Berkeley. Business, government, academia leaders will speak; keynote speaker is president of Old Navy Jenny Ming. Cost: \$65, includes light meal. Details: 408-554-4113 or www.wcan.ws/forum2005.html.

Waterfront

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Not everyone is in favor of the plans. Robert Cheasty, the president of Citizens for the Eastshore State Parks, said it flies in the face of 25 years of planning for park in the area.

"There's already an enormous amount of development on the waterfront with the racetrack," said Cheasty. "I don't think any more should be added unless or until the racetrack leaves."

Matt Middlebrook, an executive with Caruso Affiliated, opened an office on Solano Avenue earlier this year. Since then, representatives of Caruso and Caruso himself have met with hundreds of Albany residents at homes throughout the city.

Middlebrook said those meetings directly led to a tentative decision to include a small hotel in the project.

The draft plans also include a rebuilt fishing pier and small boat and kayak access; a tiered amphitheater-like setting that could host small outdoor musical events; an enclosed farmers market similar to one at the San Francisco Ferry building; expansion of a salt marsh on the north side of the racetrack and installation of a permanent Bay Trail connection.

In addition, a large portion of the Golden Gate Fields grandstand would be taken down, opening up views along Fleming Point. Caruso said he's still receiving comments on the project and expects to get an earful at meetings Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday next week.

All Albany households are expected to receive the meeting dates in the mail by today. Today, Caruso is holding an invitation-only meeting at 3 p.m. at the north parking lots of Golden Gate Fields to get feedback on the plans. Caruso also held invitation-only meetings yesterday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Middlebrook said he expects to submit a formal application to the city by the end of the year. Caruso Affiliated has completed a handful of Southern California mixed-use projects, including the Grove, a 575,000-square-foot retail, entertainment and dining project in Los Angeles. The company is pursuing more than \$1 billion in projects throughout California, including a similar mixed-use project at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, a Magna Entertainment-owned race track. Magna also owns Golden Gate Fields.

On Monday, the City Council unanimously agreed to hire consultants to advise it on the future of the property and have Caruso pay for that as well as the costs of processing the development application.

The costs to the developer could be as much as \$500,000, City Administrator said. That was also much she estimated an independent master plan process would have cost.

The waterfront commission's several residents support a dependent process at night's meeting, though the council did not act on that.

About 10 residents will meet Monday night to develop a proposal to under the city's normal process. The project would require a change in zoning under a city waterfront measure would throw it for approval.

"Let us vote, let us make up our minds," Albany mayor Peggy Thomson said.

On Wednesday, City man Robert Lieber, an opponent of development while he operates, said residents have a chance to vote on the project, but only if it passes with the city's planning commission and if the is appealed to the City.

"I certainly have no objection to putting a wrong-headed project before voters just project before voters," Lie-

Portables

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increase from about 820 in 2003 to about 900 today.

The issue led to complaints at a high school PTA meeting early in the school year. The school board discussed the matter at a recent meeting.

At Albany High — where the buzz last week was around homecoming and not its population numbers — some students said it was difficult to move from class to class in between periods.

"There's two stair sets through the whole school," said student Chris Jones. "And both sets are always crowded (between classes), no matter which stair set you take."

Newly hired chemistry and physics teacher Phyllis Nicholson said teachers wheeling portable science labs from class also face challenges.

"The administration is well aware of it," Nicholson said. "It's not like we're being ignored." Student traffic is less prob-

lematic at the middle school, principal Davis said, because there are fewer passing periods and more staircases than at the high school.

At its Sept. 27 meeting, the school board added a total of 11½ more hours to its clerical staff at all of the schools and the Albany Children's Center to accommodate the additional growth.

The district is seeing the effect of decisions it made several years ago, when it was in dire financial straits, said Mellers.

Because the state allocates money to school districts based on their populations, the district accepted a number of transfer students. Today, that equals 13.5 percent of the total population at Albany High School.

The students were accepted when the district had the room to take them, said Walden. The overcrowding problem, she said, is due to the unexpectedly high number of Albany students attending the schools.

It's the downside of having such a high-performing school district. Despite the high real estate prices, Walden said, families are

clamoring to move in to the district.

"This wasn't happen years ago," she said, "but it's happening now."

And the district has responded.

Walden said the district is studying demographic estate trends, and looking developing a long-term facility that may include new classrooms.

At the high school, the mean new portables, said Walden.

He believed the schools have enough stairwells for the number of students. He was also relieved about a drill last week in which one evacuated the art and music wings in six minutes.

"Ideally, I'd like a less crowded high school," Mellers said. "With the advantages of being in the district balance its budget, making it possible to make elective and more classes that's a reasonable trade-off."

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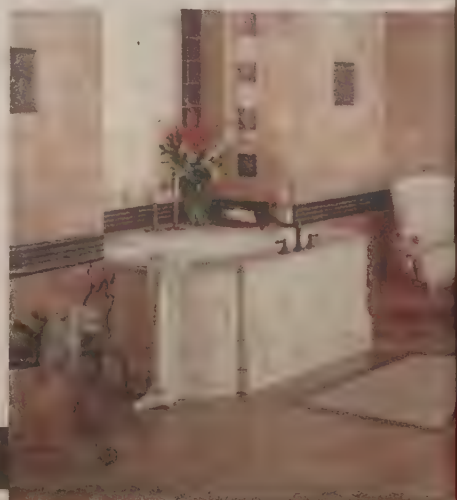
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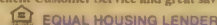
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SPECIALLY FOR HIS FAMILY: The home at 1175 Clarendon Crescent in Oakland's upscale Crocker Highlands neighborhood was once home to Wickham Havens and his family. Havens bought the tract and reserved a special corner lot for this home.

Crocker Highlands' crown jewel

scale neighborhood's
ional once home to
Crocker Wickham Havens
DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR

Real estate developer Wickham
Havens had friends — and family
in high places in East Bay soci-
ety. His father, Frank Colton Havens,
was the friend and business part-
ner of Francis Marion "Borax" Smith,
the highly successful Re-
dwood Heights real estate
developer. "Wickham followed
his father's footsteps in the real
estate business," says
Montclair historian Gail Lombardi.
Havens and his family were responsible for
developing much of the Piedmont and
Oakland hills."

These developments included
Oakland's Havenscourt, Trestle Glen
and Crocker Highlands neighbor-
hoods. The Crocker Highlands map
that Wickham Havens filed in 1911
shows a neighborhood bisected by
Mandana Boulevard.

Ardmore Avenue loops around
the north side of Mandana and
Clarendon Crescent around the
boulevard's south side.

When Havens had 1175 Clarendon
Crescent built for himself his
wife, Florence, and his family, he
was president of a company that
bore his name, Wickham Havens,
Inc. Another Oakland real estate lu-
minary, Walter Liemert, was the
company's vice-president.

The home at "1175 Clarendon
Crescent was one of the first homes

built on the (street)," says Lombardi.
"Wickham Havens is listed as the
owner and Banning and Stewart
Construction Company is listed as
both the builder and the architect."

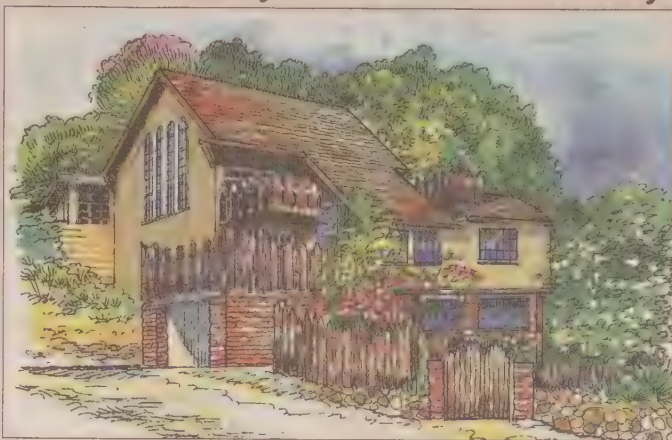
The building permit, which was
filed on Aug. 16, 1917, described
the building as a two-story, 10-room
dwelling. The cost of construction
was \$9,500. "Quite a bit in those
days," says Lombardi. "If you look
at a map of Crocker Highlands
Tract, you'll see that Wickham
Havens saved the largest lot on the
block for himself, lot 175."

Lombardi points out that Havens
was not the only prominent mem-
ber of the East Bay's construction

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Real Estate Spotlight:

The Wallen Maybeck House in Berkeley



BERNARD MAYBECK WAS A PROMINENT ARCHITECT in Berkeley in the early 1900s. After his large family house on Buena Vista Way burned in the 1923 fire, he and his family built several cottages in the same neighborhood, some on the site of his original house. The home at 2751 Buena Vista Way was designed and built for his son and daughter-in-law, Wallen and Jacomena. It was one of two houses built for the family to keep his staff and craftsmen working during the Depression.

It is modest and simple, a rustic and romantic cottage, with an informal layout. Around 1940, after a fire had charred the interior, Maybeck had it sandblasted to remove all the burned parts. He replaced the blackened knotty pine panels with plywood, stained with dye to match the color of the beams. It embodies many of Maybeck's notions about what an ideal home should be. Well integrated into its uphill site, it has Bay views; thick honey maple floors set in a diamond pattern and an oversized fireplace, one of his signature elements, on the east side of the main room. It has three bedrooms, and one and one-half bathrooms.

Most of the essential systems, such as roof, foundation, electrical and heating, have been upgraded or replaced in recent years. It's the first time offered on the market by the Maybeck family.

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Bathrooms: Three
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and architectural community to live in Crocker Highlands.

"In 1914, John J. Donovan, a world-renowned architect, designed and built 1168 Clarendon Crescent for himself," she says. "Donovan was one of the architects who designed Oakland's City Hall."

Another renowned architect Sidney B. Newsom designed and built 1146 Clarendon Crescent as his own residence. Newsom lived here until 1919. Sidney was Samuel Newsom's oldest son. He and his younger brother Noble carried on a long and rich Newsom family tradition that included the design and construction of many more Piedmont homes.

The home at 1175 Clarendon Crescent, though, is the neighborhood's crown jewel. A circular driveway leads to an elegant porte-cochere providing convenient level-in access to the three-bedroom, three-bath house. The spacious living room with handsome fireplace has direct access to a cozy den/office and powder room.

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The home has a large, formal dining room, a spacious master bedroom suite with a charming dressing room, which offers the possible opportunity to create a fourth bedroom. There is also an enormous family room, a butler's pantry and a breakfast room.

The large basement has a work shop, plenty of storage space, a former darkroom, which could be converted to a wine cellar) and a former chauffeur's room that could make a nice home office. The home's contemporary style offers great curb appeal, beautiful gardens surround the house that has come on the market for the first time in almost 50 years.

"The Crocker Highlands neighborhood has always been a popular place to live," says Lombardi. "Some of the most impressive homes in Oakland are on Clarendon Crescent and Ashmount Avenue. From the beginning Clarendon Crescent was a very desirable place to live."

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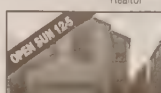
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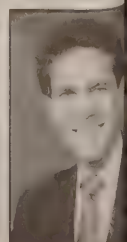
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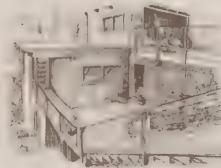
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I counted the pumpkins - five of them - each about the size of a cantaloupe, still green in spots but coloring up a lovely orange.

No one was living at the house but the owner's son Mike who had grown up there some years ago was returning most afternoons to tidy up and to water the garden. I asked Mike if he'd leave the fallen apples where they were and let the pumpkins ripen. I liked the picture so much, and I thought buyers would too.



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Preparations to the house began, painting and cleaning, floor refinishing, and bringing in furniture and curtains, taking the next couple

of weeks. We went to the house a number of times to check on the progress and each time, I visited the pumpkins.

Hot weather caused the vine's leaves to dry and crinkle but the pumpkins were a deeper orange and they were a little larger. A couple of days before the house would be shown, when almost everything was in place, looking clean and pretty, I went to the garden and all but one of the pumpkins was gone.

I couldn't believe it. Mike was

there, as surprised as I was. Who took the pumpkins?

Maybe the owner's grandchildren had come and taken them? They certainly wouldn't have guessed that the nutty real estate agent had become attached to the pumpkin look, couldn't have known that by then the brochure and ads I'd written featured the pumpkin patch.

I had to find new pumpkins, and I did, some small ones, cute round ones, which the following day I

placed among the withered ones then stood back to see, quite what I wanted, I had been able to find pumpkins large but it would do. Suddenly I thought, "We need a scarecrow?"

He didn't miss a beat. "Get me clothes and a hat and a cloth for the head."

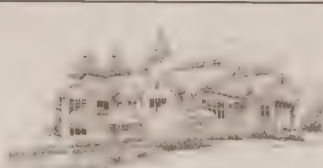
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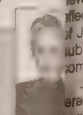
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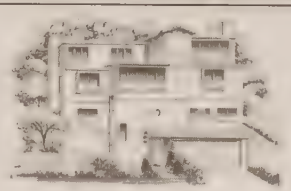


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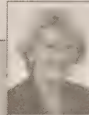
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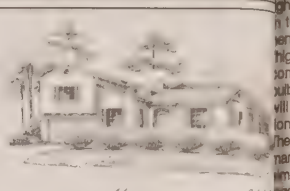


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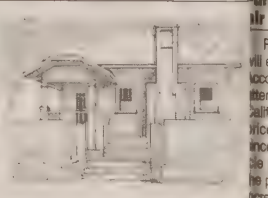


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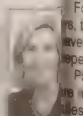
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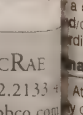
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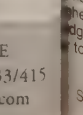
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Title 24 will effect how you remodel

Planning to remodel? Changes in energy conservation requirements in California could have a significant impact on your choices and cost. As natural gas and electric energy prices spiral ever higher, real property owners will have to either voluntarily conserve or, eventually, be forced to do so.

First established in 1978 to reduce energy consumption, Title 24 is the latest revision to California's energy efficiency standards. The new requirements, which went into effect Oct. 1, supersede the changes in Title 24, Part 6, adopted in 1995. Building permits submitted on or after Oct. 1 must comply with the new rules.

Lighting regulations apply to alterations, additions, replacements and newly built structures. All new lighting fixtures (termed "luminaires") must meet the standards that are permanently installed (hard wired) must be high efficacy. These fixtures will accommodate only energy saving lamps ("lamps," in the standards) and not allow the use of "conventional," screw-based socket bulbs. The standards are mandatory for permanently installed, interior fixtures in almost all rooms of residential buildings, as well as exterior fixtures.

Kitchens. At least half the "installed wattage" of kitchen fixtures must be high efficacy; non-high efficacy fixtures are required to have separate switches. "Adjacent areas" considered kitchen if the lighting for the adjacent areas is on the same switch as the lighting for the kitchen. Low voltage halogen MR fixtures do not count as high efficacy.

Bathrooms, garages, laundry and utility rooms require high efficacy fixtures.

Other rooms, closets of 70 square feet or more; similar to bathrooms.

Recessed lighting. Fixtures recessed into insulated ceilings must be rated for "insulation contact."

Occupant sensors. These are sensors that turn off the lights when no movement is detected and, if used, are factored into the required wattage of high efficacy fixtures.

Dimmers. This is an option "to high efficacy lighting in rooms other than kitchens, bathrooms, garages, laundry rooms and utility rooms." Special dimmers must be used with high efficacy fixtures.

Furnaces, water heaters, air conditioners

Replacement of these systems must comply with new rules. According to a presentation I recently attended by Bill Pennington of the California Energy Commission, the price of natural gas has doubled since 2000. A San Francisco Chronicle article the other day indicated the possibility of up to a 71 percent increase this winter. Another speaker estimated that, on average, existing heating ducts leak 28 to 35 percent. For furnaces and air conditioning, there may be a requirement to have the ducts tested for leakage, depending on your climate zone.

Parts of Contra Costa County included in the most stringent rules: Alameda, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties are excluded. Ducts insulated or sealed with asbestos are exempt. Check with your local city and/or county regarding particular property.

Water heaters must follow the new standards. Built-in air-conditioning systems are subject to both new California regulations and the latest federal Environmental Protection Agency rules.

Penetration: This is the placement of windows in a building. Remodeling and additions that involve adding windows, skylights or a change in window placement or size must be approved according to the latest standards.

Final thoughts

At some point, most real property owners deal with replacement or upgrading of systems, e.g., heating and electrical, and/or remodeling. Despite the fact that energy conservation is an important and worthwhile activity, certain mandates could be unpalatable. According to regulations might cost much more than you anticipated.

For example, you may not have voluntarily chosen at least 50 percent fluorescent lighting in your new kitchen or bathroom. New rules might give you fewer options than you would like.

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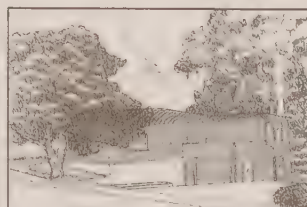
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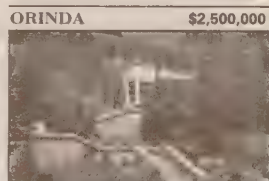
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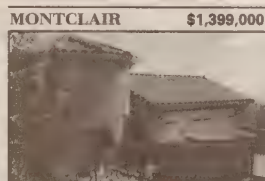
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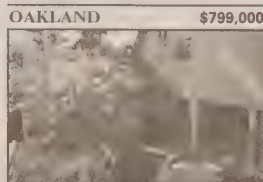
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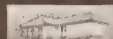


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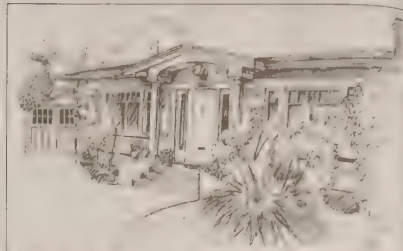
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BLANKET
and have some fun right in the middle of the NAR convention. Northern California CRS Chapter is hosting a "Night Out On The Beach Blanket Babylon". This is a spoof of pop culture with costumes and larger than life puppets is a must see event. The night filled evening is 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Oct. 27. Proceeds benefit For Humanity. Reservation information can be found at www.nccrs.com.

BERKELEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
wants to recognize Realtor Millie members who volunteer give back to the community. Association members who are making a difference can be nominated by contacting the BAR office. Special Events Committee will be making the BAR Cares Awards. Presentations will be made at monthly luncheons. Mail your

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CREATE 21 ESPANOL

Based on its Career Real Estate Agent Training and Education (CREATE 21) program, Century21 Real Estate Corporation launched CREATE 21 en Espanol. The new-agent fundamentals course is now also a Spanish language program. The intention is to help Spanish speaking agents better serve their Hispanic clientele. Get more details about CREATE 21 en Espanol at www.century21.com.

TIDBITS

■ After watching current events, Ira and Carol Serkes of RE/Max Executive in Berkeley decided to be pro-active and help their clients prepare for disasters. They will present podcasts on how to prepare. You can link to the podcasts at www.berkeleyhomes.com.
■ Mortgage Broker Monique Washington celebrated the opening of her new mortgage company, Balance Financial with a Grand Opening. Festivities were held at Lake Chabot Golf Club. The company is located at 4200 Park Blvd., Oakland. Washington founded the Balance Golf Club, which meets

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Chris & Sandy x54

\$1,540,000



2751 Buena Vista Way, Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

New Listing! 1st time ever offered by the Maybeck family, the Wallen Maybeck House, designed & built by Maybeck for his son & daughter-in-law in 1932, embodies many of Maybeck's notions about the ideal home. 3 bdms, 1.5 bath rustic, romantic cottage, filled w/charm & atmosphere, surrounded by greenery & w/ SF Bay views. Mins. to UC, Chez Panisse & Tilden Park.

Norah Brower x26

\$1,050,000



42 Highgate Rd., Kensington

Open Sunday 2:00-4:30

View home in desirable Kensington. 3 bdrm, 2 baths plus large study that could be 4th bdrm. Gracious living room w/view & frpl. Gourmet kitchen w/6-burner Wolf range & cupboards galore. Formal dining rm; lg family rm w/ frpl. Deck, patio, terraced garden w/fruit trees. Well-built home with extensive retrofitting.

Gay Austin & Kay Kruse x51

\$925,000



150 Woodfield, Hercules

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 5:00

LARGE PRICE REDUCTION. Great Buy! 5 bdms, 3 baths. Located at the end of a block in a cozy neighborhood. Gracious living room & dining area. Family rm w/brick frpl & sliding doors to deck, hot tub & gazebo. New gas range w/convection oven. Wood floors. Custom blinds, new roof & garage door. HOA w/pool & clubhouse.

Gay and Kay x51

\$698,000



619 Madison St., Albany

Open Sunday, 2:00-4:00

Beautifully maintained home on Albany Hill built in 1960 with views East to the Berkeley hills. 3 bdms, 2 baths. Hwd floor, frpl. Many upgrades. Dual-paned windows, new exterior paint, seismic retrofit, newer roof, and more. Ample storage. Albany schools.

Jean Auka x16

\$618,000



2470 Cedar Street, Berkeley

By Appointment

Gracious & Spacious! Grand colonial in No. Berkeley occupies over 3600 sq. ft. on double lot. Library & banquet-size dining rm off inviting entry. Glorious living rm w/frpl matched upstairs w/equally lg master. 2 add'l bdms each w/its own frpl, plus study & 2 baths upstairs. 3rd bath down. Sep. gar./storage area. Nr all amenities.

Arlene Baxter x19

\$1,150,000



1111 Alvarado, Berkeley/Oakland

(@ Amato, Behind Claremont Hotel)

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

Nature Lovers! Dazzling "IMAX" view of Claremont Canyon & Mt. Tam. Observe birds galore! Soaring entry opens to living room, dining room & kitchen w/eating area. 4 bdms, 2.5 baths. Great value!

Nancy Muller x20

\$949,000



1448 Allman Street, Oakland

Open Sunday 2:00-5:00

New Listing! Charming 2-bdrm, 1-bath craftsman w/ original details. Huge basement plus sep. garage for office, art studio or storage. Entry porch w/lrg arched window. Hwd flrs, original tiled frpl, built-ins & period lighting. Artsy kitchen & bath w/pedestal sink. Lovely blend w/deck off kitchen.

Chris & Sandy x54

\$625,000



1138 Washington Ave., Albany

By Appointment Only

Rare 4-plex in Albany. All studio units. Great location close to BART and Solano amenities. Detached garages.

Bill & Tracy x33

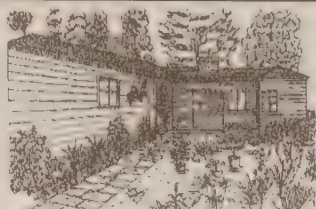
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605 Canon Dr., Kensington

Sophisticated spacious one-level home in a fabulous tranquil setting on almost half acre lot near Tilden Park. 3+ Bedrooms, 2 Bath including Master Suite, gracious living room with vaulted ceiling, formal dining room, office/plus room. Eat-in Kitchen, 2-car attached garage. Hardwood floors, wonderfully landscaped back yard with in-ground swimming pool.

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819 61st Street, Oakland



A bright and lovely three bedroom, two bath home on a large lot. Expansive living room, formal dining room for entertainment, plus den/bonus room, laundry room. Lots of potential. Rear yard awaiting avid gardener. Close to transportation, Berkeley Bowl and BART.

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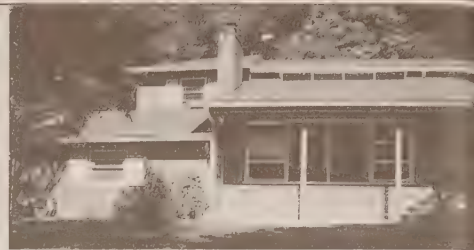
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5456 BROOKDALE

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JUST LISTED! OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH



40 BEVERLY RD., KENSINGTON

Gracious 3+-bedroom, 1.5-bath home offers magnificent sunset views, enchanting gardens, & romantic interiors. Offered at \$795,000. Open Sun. 16th & 23rd, 2-4:30pm



1436 ELM ST., EL CERRITO

Tastefully remodeled 3-br, 2-bath home, with design elements throughout. Lots of sunlight, warm colors and great indoor/outdoor flow. Offered at \$550,000. Open Sun. 16th, 2-4:30

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168 Maiden Lane ~ Lincoln Heights

Open spacious mostly 1-level Ranch Style home. Kitchen/Family Room level to garden. EZ living & location! Hardwoods, 2 fireplaces, some views, 3+BR/ 2BA including Master Suite.

Offered at \$729,000



Rachel Baller
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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 PM



1095 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro

Sweet cottage w/charming details! Sunroom, eat-in kitchen, brick fireplace, fruit & flowering trees in creekside garden. 2BD 1.5BA.

Offered at \$525,000



1079 Lee Ave., San Leandro

Mediterranean split level restored with Hardwood Floors, Formal Dining Room, sunny breakfast room, den, inviting front porch. 3BD 2BA.

Offered at \$789,000



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4370 Whittle

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3 BR 2 BA Spacious flr plan, 3/2 incl mstr ste on 1 lvl, ki/lam rm lvl-out to patio/grdn. Vu
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BART \$850,000
2.5 BA 2 story Penthouse. Open plan area and kit, hw flrs; SF Views. w/55Pierce1339.com
Bagherzadeh 510.486.1495
ERRITO \$779,000
2 BA Great views & spacelous kitchen, fm. rm, wrkshp, this hot tub, open flr plan.
Knight 510.486.1495

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EL CERRITO \$1,500,000
7304 Pebble Beach Dr Sun 2 - 5
5 BR 3.5 BA Own a luxury lifestyle. 5000 sq ft home, SF, GG & golf course views & pool & spa.
Cheryl Cahn 510.486.1495

OPEN HOUSES

MORAGA \$1,095,000
63 Corte del Caballo Sat/Sun 2 - 5
4 BR 3 BA A sunny & spacious lvl home @ end of cul-de-sac. FR, wet bar 2-car garage, fruit trees
Nader Davari 510.339.4700

OPEN HOUSES

LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$729,000
168 Maiden Lane Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Spacious flr plan, 3/2 incl mstr ste on 1 lvl, ki/lam rm lvl-out to patio/grdn. Vu
Rachel Baller 510.339.4700
BERKELEY \$675,000
1160 Keeler Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Lovely home. Fresh paint, hw floors, 2 frpics, in-law unit and large yard
Alicia Drake 510.486.1495
MARTINEZ \$618,000
1060 Stoneybrook Dr Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Great updated hme; near shops, food, schools, freeway.
Ellen Lancaster 510.339.4700
BERKELEY \$599,000
1415 Carleton Sun 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 1 BA Charming, remodeled and in move in condition. Close to transportation & Berkeley Bowl.
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BERKELEY \$599,000
1390 Gilman Sat/Sun 1 - 4
3 BR 1 BA Berkeley Jewel! Spanish Med/arched windows & drs. Upgrades. Close to Solano Ave, MM, BART.
Terry Anthony 510.339.4700

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MAXWELL PARK \$520,000
5456 Brookdale Sun 1 - 5
2 BR 2 BA Charming Craftsman Shingle. Prepare to fall in love w/ this lovely home
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PARKWOODS \$519,000
280 Caldecott Lane 109 Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Sharp condo in private setting. Photos on 280Caldecott109.com close to bus stop & high. 24
Karen Lum 510.339.4700
OAKLAND \$499,000
3221 Florida Street Sun 2 - 5
2 BR 1 BA Dollhouse, friendly Cul-de-Sac. Upgrades & lots of storage, det-gar w/ba & add. space
Rachel Baller 510.339.4700
OAKLAND \$499,000
531 55th Street Sun 2 - 5
2 BR 1 BA Fab starter home! Dual pane win, upgraded kit & elec, new paint, hw flrs, & tons of space
Dan Joy/Adele Wong 510.339.4700
OAKLAND \$495,000
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RICHMOND \$425,000
721 Wilson Sat/Sun 2 - 5
2 BR 1 BA 1st open. Roomy home in popular Richmond N&E. LR, DR, 2 drwnys. Needs some TLC to sparkle.
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HERCULES \$410,000
230 Napoli Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Quiet top floor. Wooded/ hillside views. Features recessed lighting/balconies, new carpets
Dan Joy 510.339.4700
BERKELEY \$399,000
1250 Rose St. Sun 2 - 4:30
1 BR 1 BA Cheerful Art-deco, eclectic style, soaring lr ceiling w/ frpic, deep yrd for nature lovers!
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OAKLAND \$295,000
150 Pearl #112 Sun 2 - 4
1 BR 1 BA Beautifully updated unit in popular Adam's Pt. Floor plan & info at www.IMakeYourMove.com
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OPEN HOUSES

KEYLE HILLS \$3,250,000
168 Maiden Lane Sun 2 - 5
3 BA Asian Craftsman fusion. LV cathedral ceilings, splendid landscaped gym, Bay & GG views.
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ALBANY \$2,095,000
168 Maiden Lane Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BA Redone, lvl in, gated w/ pool/hot tub. Over 2 acres.
Ackerman 510.339.4700

OAKLAND \$1,495,000
11439 Lochard Sun 1:30 - 4:30
6 BR 3.5 BA Breathtaking SF vu setting. Elegant Chabot Hglds trdnt. Grt lawns, 3c gar, isldn kitch.
Diana Kay 510.486.1495
MONTCLAIR \$1,425,000
6267 Ruthland Rd Sun 2 - 6:30
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ALBANY \$990,000
717 Hillside Ave Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 2.5 BA Hip, urban contemporary w/spectacular Bay views. Spacious w/FPP, hdwd & ldsd yrd
Maxine Malberg 510.339.4700
MONTCLAIR \$879,000
6620 Gunn Dr Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Spanish Med. Spacious frml rms, hdw flrs, patios & frpic. For photos go to www.gunnndr.com
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ROCKRIDGE \$850,000
6687 Chabot Road Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 1.5 BA Hwd flrs, frml din rm, home office, updated ba & a lrg park like yrd
Barbara Hardacre 510.339.4700
OAKLAND \$839,000
4370 Whittle Sat/Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 3 BA Urban oasis w/huge views. Soaring cathedral ceiling in Grt Rm. Media RM w/surround sound.
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EL CERRITO \$599,000
844 Lexington Ave. Sun 2 - 4
3 BR 2 BA Walk to BART. Warm, spacious, approx. 1,637 sq. feet. Family room, patio, near shopping
Victoria Lee 510.486.1495
LOWER MAXWELL \$599,000
4908 Fairfax Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 1 BA 2-story craftsman w/frml DR,FP in LR,granite ctips in kit, front & back yrd. City views.
Noni Robinson 510.339.4700
EL CERRITO \$575,000
6626 Cutting Blvd Sun 2 - 4
3 BR 1 BA Fresh pnt & hdwd floors. Attached office w/ full bath. Large sunny back yard & apple tree
Kimiko Terry & Sebastian Ages 510.486.1495

ADAMS POINT \$549,000
490 Jean St. Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA City views, deck, hwd flrs, remod kit & ba, frml DR, and a beautiful fireplace
Gary & Noni Robinson 510.339.4700
OAKLAND \$525,000
9617 C St. Sun 2 - 4
4 BR 3 BA Updated triplex w/ prvt courtyards & 3 car grg, spacious units, new carpet, tile & paint.
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BERKELEY \$529,000
2763 Dohr Sun 1 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Cute Berkeley Bungalow! Light, bright w/many upgrades. HDWD, FDR, updated KIT and Systems.
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WILSON HIGHLANDS \$1,850,000
Clarendon Crescent Sun 2 - 4:30
3.5 BA Stately traditional surrounded by gardens, property in Piedmont, good potential
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4 BR 3 BA Indoor/outdoor living from fam rm & kit serene setting on large parcel.
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LEONA HEIGHTS \$1,275,000
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MONTCLAIR \$1,195,000
5555 Moraga Sun 2 - 4:30
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BERKELEY HILLS \$1,175,000
781 Spruce Sun 2 - 4:30
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HILLER HIGHLANDS \$825,000
61 Schooner Hill Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2.5 BA Big price reduction - BIG VIEW! Fabulous GG, Bay bridge & bay views from sharp townhouse.
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OAKLAND \$799,000
4053 Mountain View Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA New construction. Gourmet kit w/granite tops, SS appl. MBS whis & her sinks & marble tile
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MONTCLAIR \$1,595,000
2 BA Lvl Contemp hme w/sunny rms, frml liv/din rms, hwd flrs, 2c gar.
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MONTCLAIR \$1,195,000
5555 Moraga Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 4 BA 30-ft foyer, grand stairway, epicurean kit. www.5555Moraga.com
Julie Joyce 510.339.4700
BERKELEY HILLS \$1,175,000
781 Spruce Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA Totally remod mid century home. Bay view. Hdwd, lrg fam rm, 2 car gar, huge deck. Lrg lot.
Barbara Levy 510.486.1495

HILLER HIGHLANDS \$732,000
404 Hiller Dr. Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2.5 BA Hiller end unit, wd flrs balcony, patio, 2 fps, mstr & ba w/ skylt. Ofc or 3rd bdrm, + Club
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ADAMS POINT \$549,000
490 Jean St. Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA City views, deck, hwd flrs, remod kit & ba, frml DR, and a beautiful fireplace
Gary & Noni Robinson 510.339.4700
OAKLAND \$525,000
9617 C St. Sun 2 - 4
4 BR 3 BA Updated triplex w/ prvt courtyards & 3 car grg, spacious units, new carpet, tile & paint.
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2763 Dohr Sun 1 - 4
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than to be blindsided later.

This summary is my interpretation of the voluminous, new standards. Be sure to verify specifics with your contractor and/or planning department. In a local market where most property is sold "As Is," I advise buyers to be particularly careful to investigate and understand repair costs, especially in light of these new energy mandates.

For more information on Title 24, go to www.energy.ca.gov/title24/. My previous articles, including "As

Is Pointers," can be found at www.eastbay-realtor.com.

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Unique and secluded Mediterranean style home offering the best of 1935 architecture. This fine home features distinct archways, ceilings, tile work, sconces and hardwood floors. Located in close proximity to a popular community park. Beautiful wooded setting graces this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home that has retained its original splendor. A wonderful opportunity. Don't miss!



Diane E. McCan

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3401 Guido Street, Oakland

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Beautiful craftsman bungalow located on a tree-lined street between The Berkeley Bowl and College Avenue shops and restaurants. Architecturally appealing. Features lovely living room with fireplace; adjoining formal dining room with gumwood built-ins; hardwood floors; recently remodeled gourmet kitchen with two sinks, dishwasher, new cabinets, lighting, tile floor and rebuilt Wedgwood stove. Family room opens to deck and secluded rear garden. Two bedrooms and two full baths, one classically remodeled. Detached home office features skylight and windows with garden view, laundry, half bath and refrigerated wine cellar. Many quality upgrades. Popular location.



Donna DeBardi

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2234 Stuart Street, Berkeley

Offered at \$785,000

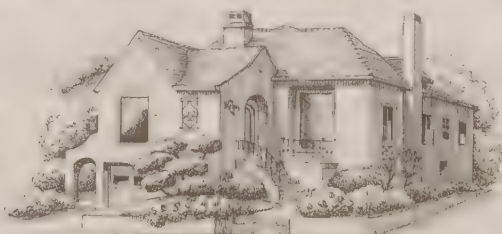
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COMING SOON IN REDWOOD HEIGHTS

FABULOUS FOUR BEDROOM TUDOR



3630 Victor Avenue, Oakland ~ Offered at \$789,500

Circa 1930's Tudor with a spectacular living room and formal dining room. Soaring ceilings, sconces, distinct fireplace and arched bookcases grace the spacious living room. Four bedrooms, formal dining room, large eat-in kitchen on the main level of the home. Downstairs has two extra plus rooms, a bath and 2 car tandem garage. The rear yard is a gardener's dream.



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NEW LISTING ~ OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2-4PM



740 Ensenada Avenue, Berkeley

This darling 2 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow is located in the desirable Thousand Oaks neighborhood, just blocks north of Solano Avenue's shops and eateries! Details include hardwood floors, a wood-burning fireplace, a vintage-style kitchen with built-in breakfast nook, a view of the hills from the deck, yard and garden!



Lorri Arazi

510.338.1330

Offered at \$650,000

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at 510-748-1655 or e-mail at devanosky@cctimes.com

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Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on large lot. This fine home features a formal dining room, hardwood floors, French doors, master suite with walk-in closet, laundry room, kitchen and a fabulous rear yard. Great outdoor living includes a patio, level lawn area and a detached garage. Ample off street parking and a detached



Cindy Houts

510.338.1364

4319 Gregory Street, Oakland

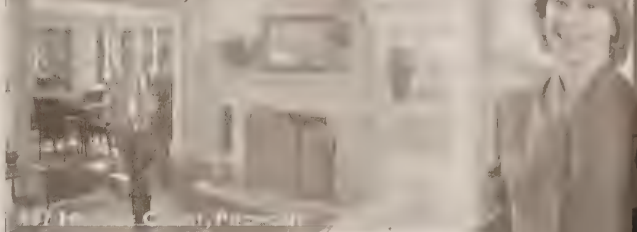
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Stunningly remodeled! Five bedrooms, 4.5 baths, a chef's dream kitchen opening to a sun-filled family room and solarium, with sweeping bay and city views. Huge master suite with fireplace and remodeled marble bath --and more views. Approximately 5,600 square feet in all.

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NEW LISTING IN BERKELEY

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The Magic of Berkeley - bungalows, BART, bagels, bells! This classic bungalow with its bay windows, hardwood floors, built-in China cabinet, breakfast nook, sunny patio is a gem. Your car into the bay and forget it. You'll be in the middle of everything! 3 bedrooms, one bath



Joan Dark

510.338.1316

1721 McGee Street, Berkeley

Offered at \$549,000

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COMING SOON IN ROCKRIDGE

6142 Harwood Avenue ~ Offered at \$1,275,000

Return to elegance in this 1925 home. Formal entry, living & dining rooms. Family room & separate office. New eat-in kitchen, 2.5 updated baths, 4 bedrooms. Wonderful architectural details throughout: built-ins, French doors, 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors. Enchanting secluded garden with large deck for entertaining and mature oak trees. This prime Rockridge location is only 2 blocks above College Avenue and close to BART.



Bob & Carolyn Nelson

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NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2-4:30PM



5748 Florence Terrace, Oakland Offered at \$849,000

Enchanting Cape Cod cottage on oversized lot just 1/2 mile to Montclair Village. 3BR/2BA, hardwood floors, French doors, fireplace, garden, deck and more. Perfect!



Gini Erck
510.338.1339

NEW NORTH OAKLAND LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2-4:30PM



5904 Ayala Avenue, Oakland Offered at \$785,000

Lovingly restored and renovated, this exquisite 1911 craftsman combines fine period details, a wonderful country kitchen, generous 2+ bedroom plan, full basement, and luxurious secluded garden at the very edge of Rockridge.

NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2-4:30PM



6323 Westover Drive, Oakland Offered at \$619,000

Tranquil Montclair setting close to the Village, parks, and freeway. 2 bedrooms, storage area, extensively remodeled kitchen and bath - it's a beauty!



Christian Downer
510.338.1340

NEW MILLSMONT LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2-4:30PM



6218 Monadnock Way, Oakland Offered at \$389,000

This sunny 1923 Millsmont bungalow features lovely formal living and dining rooms with charming original details. Two cozy bedrooms look out to a beautifully landscaped backyard and garden. Updated cottage kitchen and bath. Hardwood floors throughout.

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30



3325 HILLSIDE CT.
\$3,295,000
Stunningly remodeled 5BR/4.5BA. Dream kitchen opening to sunny family room. Sweeping bay & city views. Huge master suite. Marble bath. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

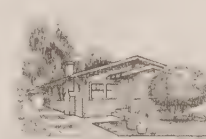


515 CRAGMONT AVE.
\$925,000
Pretty, updated 3+BR/2.5BA home with beautiful architectural details. Spacious beamed ceiling living room, eat-in kitchen, inviting master suite, level yard. Jack McPhail x1336

NORTH OAKLAND \$785,000
5904 AYALA AVE.
New Listing! This exquisite 2+BR craftsman combines fine period details, a handsome country kitchen, full basement and luxurious secluded garden. Gini Erck x1339



PIEDMONT AVENUE \$777,000
11-19 YOSEMITE AVE.
Stately fourplex in prime location. All huge 1BR units with original detail. Hardwood floors. Garages. Big lot. Potential conversion or commercial use. Fritz Hochfeller x1348



BERKELEY \$650,000
740 ENSENADA AVE. (Open 2-4)
New Listing! Daring 2BR/1BA bungalow! Hardwood floors, fireplace, vintage-style kitchen, breakfast nook, view of hills from deck, garden. Near Solano shops & eateries. Lori Arazi x1330



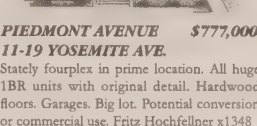
JACK LONDON SQ. \$535,000
201 4th ST. #208
New Listing! Sleek & spacious at New Market Lofts. Maple, granite & stainless steel. Tall windows. Unique "Barn" door to master suite. Near shops, restaurants, ferry. Steven Biasatti x1379



ROCKRIDGE \$2,800,000
2800 MANCHESTER AVE.
Traditional rebuilt after the "fire" 4+BR/4+BA, rec room, library, pool, spa, views. Fabulous gardens designed by Hand. Keith Tollas x1382



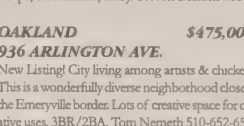
CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$865,000
1387 BARROWS RD.
New Listing! Exquisite & sophisticated Cape Cod. Bright sleek kitchen & bath. Soothing colors. Great family room or 3rd bedroom. Detached studio/office. Garden. Steven Biasatti x1379



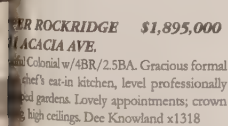
ROCKRIDGE \$749,000
395 60th ST.
Absolutely adorable 3BR/2BA shingled craftsman bungalow near College Avenue & BART. Meticulously restored & updated. Traditional details, deck & garden. Dana Dworin x1384



MONTCLAIR \$649,000
7425 SKYLINE BLVD.
New Listing! Charming 2BR/1BA, two-story. Remodeled cook's kitchen. Master suite w/French doors opening onto sunny deck. Great open plan design, verdant views. Leslie Avant x1341



OAKLAND \$475,000
936 ARLINGTON AVE.
New Listing! City living among artists & chickens. This is a wonderfully diverse neighborhood close to the Emeryville border. Lots of creative space for creative uses. 3BR/2BA. Tom Nemeth 510-652-6537



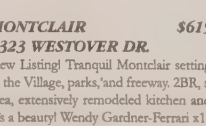
ROCKRIDGE \$1,895,000
4BR/2.5BA
Colonial w/4BR/2.5BA. Gracious formal living room, chef's eat-in kitchen, level professionally landscaped gardens. Lovely appointments; crown molding, high ceilings. Dee Knowland x1318



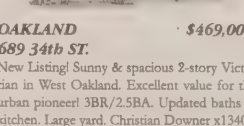
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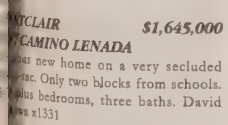
REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$749,000
4319 GREGORY ST.
Spacious 3BR/2BA home on large lot. Formal dining room, hardwood floors, French doors, master suite w/walk-in closet. Fabulous yard w/patio, lawn & lap pool! Cindy Houts x1364



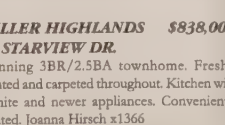
MONTCLAIR \$619,000
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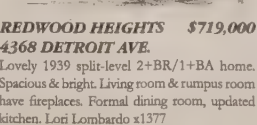
OAKLAND \$469,000
689 34th ST.
New Listing! Sunny & spacious 2-story Victorian in West Oakland. Excellent value for the urban pioneer! 3BR/2.5BA. Updated baths & kitchen. Large yard. Christian Downer x1340



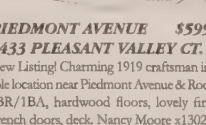
MONTCLAIR \$1,645,000
88 STARVIEW DR.
Stunning 3BR/2.5BA townhome. Freshly painted and carpeted throughout. Kitchen with granite and newer appliances. Conveniently located. Joanna Hirsch x1366



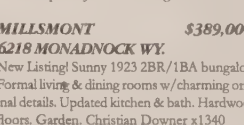
BERKELEY \$785,000
2234 STUART ST.
New Listing! Beautiful 2BR/2.5BA craftsman. Remodeled gourmet kitchen, fireplace, built-ins, hardwood floors. Family room opens to deck & garden. Detached office/studio. Donna DeBardi x1374



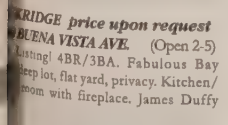
REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$719,000
4368 DETROIT AVE.
Lovely 1939 split-level 2+BR/1+BA home. Spacious & bright. Living room & rumpus room have fireplaces. Formal dining room, updated kitchen. Lori Lombardo x1377



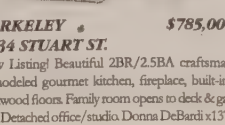
PIEDMONT AVENUE \$599,000
4433 PLEASANT VALLEY CT.
New Listing! Charming 1919 craftsman in desirable location near Piedmont Avenue & Rockridge. 2BR/1BA, hardwood floors, lovely fireplace, French doors, deck. Nancy Moore x1302



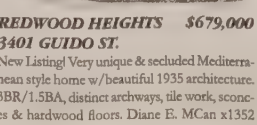
MILLSMONT \$389,000
6218 MONADNOCK WY.
New Listing! Sunny 1923 2BR/1BA bungalow. Formal living & dining rooms w/charming original details. Updated kitchen & bath. Hardwood floors. Garden. Christian Downer x1340



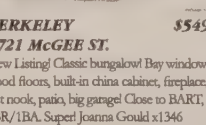
ROCKRIDGE price upon request
1509 137th AVE. (Open 2-5)
Lasting! 4BR/3BA. Fabulous Bay View lot, flat yard, privacy. Kitchen/pantry with fireplace. James Duffy



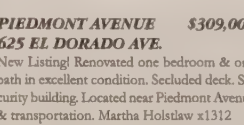
PIEDMONT AVENUE \$309,000
625 EL DORADO AVE.
New Listing! Renovated one bedroom & one bath in excellent condition. Secluded deck. Security building. Located near Piedmont Avenue & transportation. Martha Holstlaw x1312



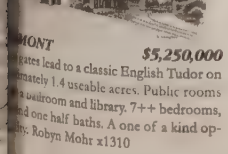
REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$679,000
3401 GUIDO ST.
New Listing! Very unique & secluded Mediterranean style home w/beautiful 1935 architecture. 3BR/1.5BA, distinct archways, tile work, scones & hardwood floors. Diane E. McCan x1352



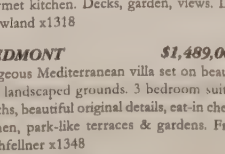
BERKELEY \$549,000
1721 MCGEE ST.
New Listing! Classic bungalow! Bay windows, hardwood floors, built-in china cabinet, fireplace, breakfast nook, patio, big garage! Close to BART, Tot lot. 2BR/1BA. Super! Joanna Gould x1346



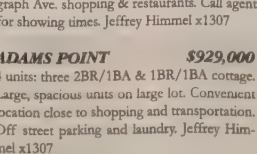
LAUREL \$549,000
625 EL DORADO AVE.
Charming three bedroom, two bath bungalow. Family room, formal dining room, nice-sized kitchen. Outside is a grassy yard, a patio, and a garage. Friendly Laurel neighborhood. Joan Dark x1316



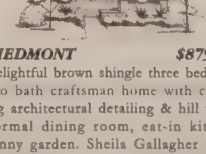
55,250,000
Gates lead to a classic English Tudor on approximately 1.4 useable acres. Public rooms, a workout and library. 7+ bedrooms, and one half baths. A one of a kind opportunity. Robyn Mohr x1310



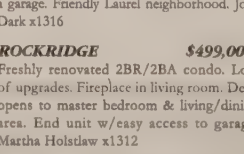
PIEDMONT \$1,489,000
Gorgeous Mediterranean villa set on beautifully landscaped grounds. 3 bedroom suites, 3 baths, beautiful original details, eat-in chef's kitchen, park-like terraces & gardens. Fritz Hochfeller x1348



ADAMS POINT \$929,000
4 units: three 2BR/1BA & 1BR/1BA cottage. Large, spacious units on large lot. Convenient location close to shopping and transportation. Off street parking and laundry. Jeffrey Himmel x1307



PIEDMONT \$879,000
Delightful brown shingle three bedroom, two bath craftsman home with charming architectural detailing & hill views. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, sunny garden. Sheila Gallagher x1383



ROCKRIDGE \$499,000
Freshly renovated 2BR/2BA condo. Lots of upgrades. Fireplace in living room. Deck opens to master bedroom & living/dining area. End unit w/easy access to garage. Martha Holstlaw x1312

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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,995,000
Gorgeous five bedroom, four bath custom home built in 1998 & updated in 2005. Gracious formal rooms, dramatic master suite, gourmet kitchen. Decks, garden, views. Dee Knowland x1318

ROCKRIDGE/ELMWOOD \$1,150,000
Investor opportunity! Updated 6 unit building located between Rockridge & Elmwood. Convenient to UC Berkeley, BART, College & Telegraph Ave. shopping & restaurants. Call agent for showing times. Jeffrey Himmel x1307



LAUREL \$549,000
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Fabulous Master Suite with great view

EXTRAS!
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Sat/Sun 2-5PM
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Jennifer Schreyer (510) 868-1400

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706 Walavista. 3BR/1BA Great Craftsman details in gentle fixer.
Rita & Ted (510) 845-0211

OAKLAND



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385 45th St. 3BR/1BA Split level Bungalow
Thoughtfully updated.
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Sunday 2-4:30 PM
3125 Linden. 2BR/1BA. Cute Victorian w/ large yard for expansion.
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Sunday 2-5
162 Beechwood Dr. 5BR/4BA. Views, spectacular home & dream kitchen.
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Sunday 2-5
7025 Pinehaven Road. Price Reduced! The ultimate upscale 3BR/2+BA Treehouse!
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Sat/Sun 2-5
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5863 Snake Road. Dreamland 2BR/2BA home w/cozy cottage. New Listing!
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Sunday 2-4:30
7910 Hansom Drive. Great opportunity to do this 4BR/2BA Cosmetic Fixer Over!
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Sunday 2-4:30
1415 Barrows Road. New price on 2BR/1BA Probate Fixer in great area.
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Sunday 2-5
464 Rich. Just Listed! Dazzling unspoiled 2BR Craftsman home.
Adrienne Nash (510) 845-0211

Sunday 2-5
1830 E. 20th St. Built in 2001. Large 4BR/2BA, air conditioning, dual ACC.
Mayling Trinh (510) 834-2010

Sunday 2-4:30
4843 Clarke St. Temescal Gem! 3BR Full basement workshop.
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Sunday 1-4
2719 Seminary Avenue. 3BR/1.5BA. 2298 Sq. Ft. Stunning!
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Sunday 2-4:30
311 Oak St. #517. Unique loft @ Jack London Square.
Marina Vaynen (510) 847-1414

Sunday 1-4
2430 11th Ave. 2BR/1BA, hardwood floors, new kitchen & bath, big lot!
CP Yang (510) 834-2010

Sunday 2-4:30
Adams Pt. 365 Perkins #303. Top Fl. beautiful, bright & remodeled!
Sandy Wong (510) 834-2010

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Sunday 2-4:30
2335 10th St. Lovely Condo Cottage in 4 unit compound-Lg. yard!
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Sunday 1-4
42 Prentiss Pl. San Ramon. Paradise living. 4BR/2BA. Kitchen opens to lawn w/pool.
Kathy Dittmer (510) 428-0900

Sunday 1-4
602 Stockton, El Cerrito. 3 BR/2BA Move In. Rdwd Dk. chef's kitchen. Near BART.
Ylana Vellozo (510) 672-1374

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420 S. 7th St., Richmond. An entertainer's dream! Gourmet kitchen. 5BR/3.5BA.
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Cheremay (510) 845-0211

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Sunday 2-4
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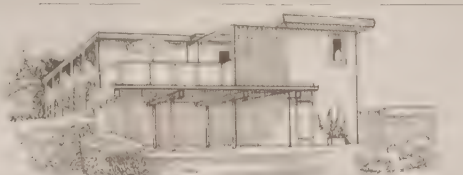
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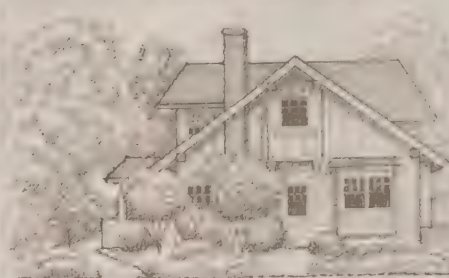
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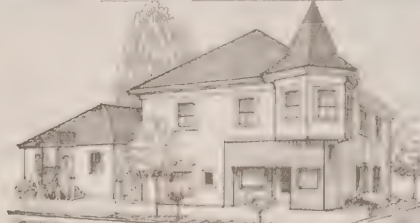
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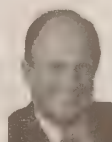
Adorable detached 2 bedroom cottage PLUS fourplex (two-3br, one-1br, one studio). Ideal for 1031 upleg or owner/occupancy plus income. 4,800 square feet. New roofs. Walk to UC, Bart. Email for disclosures. LISTED AT \$985,000

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LISTED AT \$699,000

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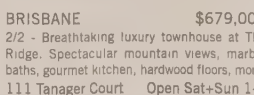
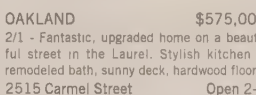
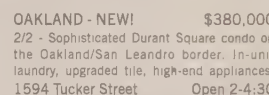
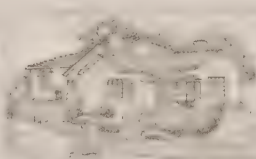
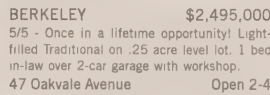
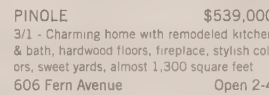
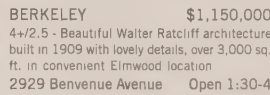
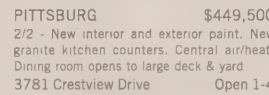
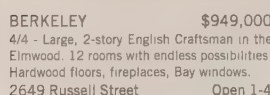
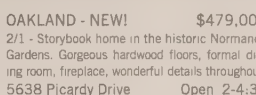
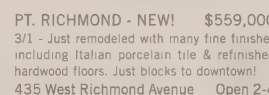
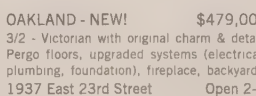
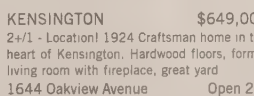
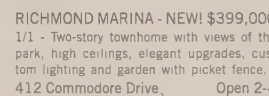
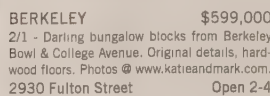
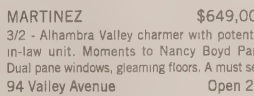
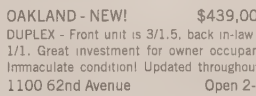
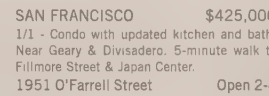
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4/2+ - Wonderful architecturally remodeled Craftsman in Elmwood. Study, Craftsman fireplace, master bedroom suite, over 3,000 sq.ft.
2814 Prince Street Open 2-4:30**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$559,000
4/1.5 - Craftsman on the Maxwell Park border. Spacious & open, built-ins, fresh paint, refinished hardwood floors, updated kitchen.
2260 47th Avenue Open 2-4**OAKLAND** \$399,000
2/1 - Stylish, semi-detached with remodeled kitchen & bath with stone counters & tile floors, bamboo flooring, large private patio
2928 Morgan Avenue Open 1-4**ALBANY - NEW!** \$725,000
3/2 - Location! Craftsman artisan details including fireplace, hardwood floors, large rumpled room, huge garage/studio/workshop
912 Curtis Street Open 1:30-4**BRISBANE** \$679,000
2/2 - Breathtaking luxury townhouse at The Ridge. Spectacular mountain views, marble baths, gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, more.
111 Tanager Court Open Sat+Sun 1-4**OAKLAND** \$575,000
2/1 - Fantastic, upgraded home on a beautiful street in the Laurel. Stylish kitchen & remodeled bath, sunny deck, hardwood floors
2515 Carmel Street Open 2-4**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$380,000
2/2 - Sophisticated Durant Square condo on the Oakland/San Leandro border. In-unit laundry, upgraded tile, high-end appliances.
1594 Tucker Street Open 2-4:30**ALBANY** \$699,000
4/3 - Classic Craftsman with cottage, both beautifully renovated. Updated kitchens, baths & private gardens. Close to Solano Avenue.
1108 Kains Ave. Open Sat+Sun 1:30-4**EL CERRITO - NEW!** \$559,000
3/1 - Spacious house with potential to expand. Large yard, updated kitchen & bath, hardwood floors. Moments to Del Norte BART
6628 Cutting Boulevard Open 2-4**OAKLAND** \$549,000
3/2 - Maxwell Park home with remodeled kitchen and views! Hardwood floors, fireplace, laundry and great backyard
2542 Monticello Avenue Open 2-4**OAKLAND** \$359,000
LOFT - Sleek, sunwashed 830 sq. ft. 1/1+ in warehouse conversion with mezzanine & parking. Visit www.saragarabedian.com
2323 Magnolia Street #3 Open 2-4**BERKELEY** \$2,495,000
5/1 - Once in a lifetime opportunity! Light-filled Traditional on 25 acre level lot. 1 bed in-law over 2-car garage with workshop.
47 Oakvale Avenue Open 2-4**EL CERRITO - NEW!** \$585,000
2/1 - Great home in best El Cerrito neighborhood. Close to Plaza, BART & all great E.C. amenities. Attached garage & French doors.
417 Lexington Avenue Open 2-4**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$525,000
2/1 - Sweet, sunny and stylish Laurel bungalow with a country kitchen, deck with Bay view. Located on a stunning corner lot
3750 Madrone Avenue Open 2-4:30**PINOLE** \$539,000
3/1 - Charming home with remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors, fireplace, stylish colors, sweet yards, almost 1,300 square feet
606 Fern Avenue Open 2-4**BERKELEY** \$1,150,000
4/2.5 - Beautiful Walter Ratcliff architecture built in 1909 with lovely details, over 3,000 sq. ft. in convenient Elmwood location
2929 Benvenue Avenue Open 1:30-4**EL CERRITO - NEW!** \$549,000
2/1 - Great home in best El Cerrito neighborhood with attached garage, large basement & great yard. Close to Plaza & BART
433 Lexington Avenue Open 2-4**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$499,000
2/2 - Wonderful 2-level Craftsman in the Diamond. Remodeled kitchen, master suite, fully fenced & landscaped. New roof.
3316 Coolidge Avenue Open 2-4**PITTSBURG** \$449,500
2/2 - New interior and exterior paint. New granite kitchen counters. Central air/heat. Dining room opens to large deck & yard
3781 Crestview Drive Open 1-4**BERKELEY - NEW!** \$985,000
2/1 + FOURPLEX - Adorable, detached cottage and fourplex (two 3bd, one 1bd, one studio) ideal for 1031 upleg or owner + income.
2100 California Street Open 2-4**EL CERRITO - NEW!** \$539,000
2/1 - Cute cottage surrounded by gardens. Updated kitchen, fireplace, nice floorplan, move right in. More at www.heidandjerry.com
7485 Curry Avenue Open 2-4**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$485,000
3/2 - Classic Craftsman with grand front rooms with hardwood floors, fireplace, & built-ins, pantry, master bedroom with deck, full basement.
2259 Ransom Avenue Open 1-4**RICHMOND** \$399,000
2+2 - Adorable bungalow in lovely N&E area. Built-ins, hardwood floors, fireplace, custom colors, formal dining & yard. It's a cutie!
2732 Downer Avenue Open 2-4**BERKELEY** \$949,000
4/4 - Large, 2-story English Craftsman in the Elmwood. 12 rooms with endless possibilities. Hardwood floors, fireplaces, Bay windows.
2649 Russell Street Open 1-4**EMERYVILLE - NEW!** \$395,000
1/1 - Luxury condo at Andante. This is a true designer showcase! All hardwood floors and stainless steel appliances. Don't miss it!
1121 40th Street #3401 Open 1-4**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$479,000
2/1 - Storybook home in the historic Normandy Gardens. Gorgeous hardwood floors, formal dining room, fireplace, wonderful details throughout
5638 Picardy Drive Open 2-4:30**PT. RICHMOND - NEW!** \$559,000
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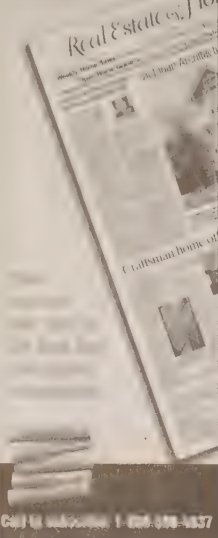
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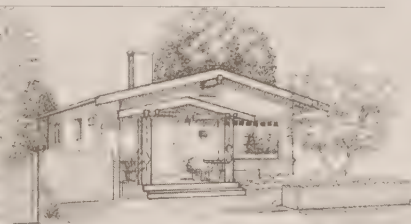


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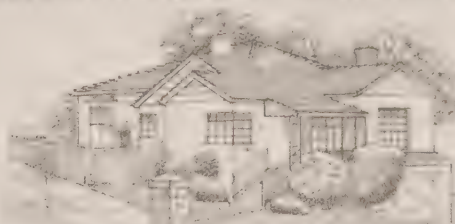
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Are those dropping needles a cause for concern?

C. We have a large Deodar that is constantly dropping needles that necessitates a weekly clean up. The needles also cover the plants below it. Are there any questions you may have to remedy this situation?

A. The constant needle drop in cedars, pines, redwoods and other conifers is a normal function of these plants. There isn't a solution to the clean up problem. Except for redwoods, the needles are dropped in bundles. The older ones are shed and replaced with new

ones. Excessive needle drop is caused by salty marine air, air pollution, over fertilization with nitrogen, insects and diseases. So, how does one know when the needle drop is excessive? One method is to observe the tree from a distance. A nice full or dense tree with good color has normal needle loss.

You become concerned when the density of the canopy starts to thin out over a period of time. The easiest way to mark any changes with the tree is with a series of photos. Today, that's pretty easy to do

with a digital or standard camera.

Mature conifers don't require frequent fertilization. An annual feeding in the early spring should be sufficient. Two Spotted or Red Spider mites are the biggest threat from a bug. They are very small and have sucking mouthparts. The individual needles on the ground will give you a clue as to their presence.

Mite damage causes the fallen needles to have a speckling of yellowish spots. You can find the active mites by removing a small section of a branch and striking the

needles against a white background. You can see the mites with a 10-powered lens. They are more likely to be a problem during the non-rainy months as they thrive in warm temperatures.

In the late summer and fall, it is beneficial to hose off the needles when practical. Mites will hide under the layer of dust that accumulates. Pitch canker is a disease that causes excessive needle drop. It is a major problem with Monterey pines but not with cedars. When you suspect a problem with larger

trees contact an arborist.

Q. I purchased a 7-foot tall Burgundy Liquidambar. Unfortunately, it blew over and the top 2 feet broke off. Will it sprout a new leader or can I graft a cutting where the old leader was? Also, will it mature into a nicely shaped tree?

A. It is not necessary to graft this tree, as a new leader will develop just below the break. The tree will mature and have a nice shape but it will never have a straight trunk as there will always be a bend at the

point where the old and new leader meet. To prevent any more damage, support the tree with a pair of stakes and ties on either side of the trunk. All new trees should be re-staked at planting, as the stake that comes with the tree is not sufficient.

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Our friend Sahdu who does staging for us was there ironing and hanging kitchen curtains. She lives not far from the house so she went off to get what we needed from home, and Mike began rummaging around in his truck for tools and supplies.

Back in a thrice, Sahdu brought faded blue pants, an old linen shirt with a button missing and a soft straw hat. She also supplied a tattered throw pillow she thought we might use for the head.

Reid

FROM PAGE B7

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Mike had found some tree sticks for arms, a metal stake to support the body, and torn cloth gloves for hands.

He seemed to know just how to make a scarecrow. There is a patch of dried grass out the back gate which Mike said was the straw we would use. He tied strings around the pant cuffs, closed the gap where the button was missing with a nail poked twice through, and moved

rapidly to the back gate with me close behind.

We got the body all stuffed and assembled, stapled and tied together. Then Mike ripped open the pillow, took out the cotton batting inside, and asked who would stuff the head. Before the words were out of his mouth, I said, "I will."

I felt 8 years old again. I was so excited. We were making something! Back in the garden, scarecrow

head in hand, stickers all over my clothes, I watched fascinated as Mike quickly attached it, added the hat, and stood "our guy" upright at the back of the pumpkin patch. I stuffed more straw under the hat. Mike added a rusted hoe to an outstretched glove.

Wonderful. Simply wonderful, this scarecrow, and the making of it. A most rich experience.

The following morning Anet and I were at the house early for the

agent open house. We carried in from the car our brochures, camera, the sandwiches we'd be serving. We turned on lights and opened doors and windows. And I went outside for another look at the pumpkin patch.

The scarecrow stood steady, straw streaming down his face, hands raised high, hoe at the ready. And, what? There was something different today. Pumpkins! Big ones.

Six large pumpkins among ones, each with its bottom growing from its neck although, of course, they weren't really.

Like the shoemaker's evening dear one had brought pumpkining the night.

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A wonderful traditional home. 5BR/3.5BA. Stunning formal rooms plus den, rumpus room & au pair suite. Great patio for outdoor entertaining. South Bay views. Helen Bury

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77 DUDLEY AVENUE \$1,795,000
Sophistication abounds in this extensively redesigned 4BR/3.5BA home in move-in condition. Features include a stunning chef's kitchen, spacious family room, fabulous master suite & level rear play area. Dana Cohen

120 CAPERTON AVENUE \$1,655,000
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46 OLIVE AVENUE \$849,000
This delightful 3BR/2BA Craftsman offers both vintage charm & the amenities of careful renovation. Lovely new kitchen & bath. Charming study/den overlooks lovely garden. Carol Brown

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95 WESTMINSTER DRIVE \$2,175,000
Sophisticated Claremont/Pines home. Enchanting formal rooms, expansive kitchen w/breakfast room, family room & office. Terrace, gardens & pool. Michelle Winchester
5801 BUENA VISTA AVE. \$1,729,000
Fabulous Upper Rockridge 4BR/3.5BA. Impeccably crafted w/the finest materials, elegant woodwork, marble fireplaces, hardwood floors, family room, sun room, office, garden patio & Golden Gate views. Elizabeth Dickson



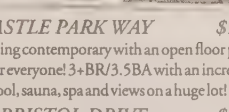
6125 PINWOOD ROAD \$1,475,000
Custom Craftsman featuring 5BR/4BA. Distinctive fusion of classic detailing and modern amenities. A rare opportunity for a true gem! Adam Betta



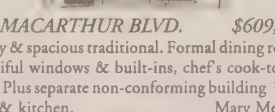
1 KINGWOOD ROAD \$749,000
Sophisticated San Francisco style living. 3BR + office, 2.5BA. Kitchen/family room, living room w/fireplace & dining room leads to deck & hot tub. Debby DiMaggio



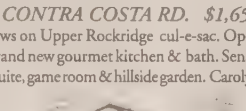
6040 CONTRA COSTA RD. \$1,675,000
Exceptional quality, design & details in this Upper Rockridge Mediterranean. 4BR/3.5BA (including 2 suites), hardwood floors, kitchen/family room, views & location! Tricia Swift



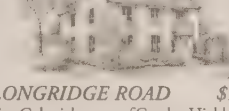
83 CASTLE PARK WAY \$1,369,000
A stunning contemporary with an open floor plan. There's space for everyone! 3+BR/3.5BA with an incredible master suite. Pool, sauna, spa and views on a huge lot! Anne Feste
6928 BRISTOL DRIVE \$1,185,000
Sophisticated & spacious 4BR + office/4BA. Expansive eat-in kitchen/family room w/hill views. Elegant formal rooms. Fireplace. Terrace for entertaining Jill Carrigan



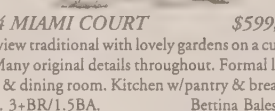
814 MACARTHUR BLVD. \$609,000
Sunny & spacious traditional. Formal dining room, beautiful windows & built-ins, chef's cook-top & oven. Plus separate non-conforming building 1BR/1BA & kitchen. Mary Merrick



6241 CONTRA COSTA RD. \$1,650,000
BIG views on Upper Rockridge cul-de-sac. Open floor plan. Brand new gourmet kitchen & bath. Sensational master suite, game room & hillside garden. Carolyn Jones
7070 MARLBOROUGH TERR. \$1,575,000
Stylish & dramatic contemporary. Spacious & light w/South Bay views! 4+BR/3.5BA, media room/library. 3-fireplaces. Exceptional finishes! Faye Keogh



724 LONGRIDGE ROAD \$1,075,000
Charming Colonial on one of Crocker Highland's favorite streets. 3BR/2.5BA, office, stunning kitchen, rich architectural details, deck & large garden. Rumpus on lower level. Judy Cain
5833 BALBOA DRIVE \$795,000
3BR/3BA including two suites. Level out to big garden & rear deck from master suite. Fabulous kitchen, updated baths; hardwood floors & crown molding. Close to Montclair Village. Tricia Swift

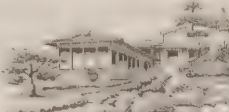


1664 MIAMI COURT \$599,000
Glenview traditional with lovely gardens on a cul-de-sac. Many original details throughout. Formal living room & dining room. Kitchen w/pantry & breakfast room. 3+BR/1.5BA. Bettina Balestrieri
26 MOSS AVENUE \$599,000
Classic 2BR/1BA Craftsman. Beautifully updated. Spacious eat-in kitchen opens to lovely garden. Convenient Rose Garden location. Michael Friedman
4101 HOWE STREET #304 \$489,000
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45 COWPER AVENUE \$785,000
KENSINGTON. Big views, level entry, 3BR/2.5BA, updated kitchen, family room, sunny deck & garden! Close to Kensington school! Annie Walrand



870 GRIZZLY PEAK BLVD \$1,550,000
North Berkeley Hills retreat! 3BR/3BA, large family room, expansive studio opening to landscaped garden w/swimming pool. Near Tilden Park. Bebe McRae



1324 OXFORD STREET \$750,000
Period architectural detailing in this beautiful Craftsman! Prized location close to shops & restaurants! There are 3++BR including a detached cottage, 2.5BA. Beautiful garden. Susie Schevill



2834 HILLEGASS AVENUE \$1,750,000
Elmwood Classic! Beautiful brown shingle on a double lot! 5BR/5.5BA, formal dining room, family room opening to sunny deck & level garden. Quiet grandeur close to shops & BART! Bebe McRae



908 MENDOCINO AVE. \$1,295,000
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1451 HENRY STREET \$599,000
Gourmet Ghetto bungalow in rich urban location. Spacious and inviting. Separate garden office & playhouse. Karthiga Anandan

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PIEDMONT ESTATE \$7,450,000
Surrounded by one of the most beautiful private gardens in the Bay Area sits this grand & spacious neo-classic Willis Polk estate with fine details. Angela Wei Grubb

OAKLAND HILLS \$3,750,000
Magnificent new Mediterranean w/breathtaking panoramic view. 5BR, elevator, family room, game & media room, library, wine cellar & sauna. Debra J. Dryden

BERKELEY COMPOUND \$3,700,000
Home + triplex on spectacular & very spacious landscaped grounds! Main: 3BR/3.5BA; #1 townhouse 3++BR/2BA; #2: 2++BR/1BA; #3 1++BR/1BA. Bebe McRae

BERKELEY HILLS \$1,950,000
This exceptional home offers maximum privacy & remarkable spaces. 3BR/3BA + attached studio apartment, office/family room. Bebe McRae/Paul Templeton

KENSINGTON LOT \$1,700,000
A spectacular and large parcel w/fabulous Bay views! Serene, private park-like site w/mature trees. Faye Keogh

PIEDMONT WITH VIEWS \$1,695,000
A level contemporary w/enclosed front garden & spectacular Bay views. Open floor plan w/3BR & office/den on main floor, 1BR/1BA below. Mindy Scott

SPECTACULAR VIEWS! \$1,685,000
Spectacular views of bridges, Bay & SF. Multiple deck & stone patios. 4BR + nursery/3.5BA; hardwood floors & generous spaces. Detached home office. Tricia Swift

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,550,000
Luxury living w/maximum privacy! Architect designed 3++BR/3.5BA retreat above the Claremont Resort Hotel. Canyon views, exceptional finishes! Bebe McRae

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,500,000
Elegant English Tudor, gourmet kitchen w/breakfast area, cozy den w/2nd fireplace, 3BR + sunroom, landscaped gardens w/level lawn & play structure. Mary Merrick

WOODSIDE GLEN \$1,275,000
Be a part of the newly constructed Woodside Glen neighborhood near Joaquin Miller Park & Montclair Village. Tudor style 4BR/2.5BA w/gourmet kitchen. Mindy Scott

BERKELEY \$950,000
Amazing home on huge property! 3BR/2.5BA, expansive living room, formal dining room, atrium opens to patio & garden retreat, music room & Bay views. Anne Van Dyke

PIEDMONT PINES \$949,000
Spacious & chic contemporary w/custom colors & details. Large au-pair. Master suite. Updated kitchen opens to seating area w/fireplace. 5BR/3.5BA. Hope Broderick

LIVE/WORK SPACE \$925,000
Live/work in this 4BR/2BA flat upstairs w/space for a business downstairs. Separate 2BR/1BA cottage. Secluded garden level out from shop. Bettina Balestrieri

KENSINGTON \$925,000
Cool, sophisticated & inviting. 3BR/2+BA. Beamed ceilings, open floorplan & lots of glass to enjoy the SF views. Dining deck off kitchen & garden. Ruth Frassetto

MONTCLAIR \$875,000
Private, spacious and close to Montclair Village. Open floor plan; hardwood floors; patio; decks & views; 3BR/2BA on main floor; au pair suite down. Tricia Swift

THOUSAND OAKS \$869,000
Charming, light-filled Thousand Oaks 3BR/2BA w/lovely remodeled kitchen, level-out garden. Near Solano & Kensington Circle shops & restaurants. Nancy Lehrkind

MONTCLAIR \$825,000
An inviting 4BR/2.5BA level-in Montclair contemporary w/wonderful open floor plan, fabulous eat-in kitchen & private office. Dana Cohen

NORTH BERKELEY \$695,000
Move right in to this 3BR/2BA home in the Berkeley hills near UC, Tilden Park & transportation! Large, fenced garden w/level lawn & hot tub. 2-car garage. Bebe McRae

BERKELEY BUNGALOW \$659,000
Charming 2BR/1+BA bungalow w/remodeled kitchen & BA, extra rooms down w/2nd BA & laundry. Beautiful garden. Near BART. Jennifer Fickenscher

GARDEN DRIVE LOT \$565,000
Kensington. New Price! Exceptional building site on historic "Maybeck Hill". Outstanding view! Tricia Swift

BERKELEY BUNGALOW \$615,000
Living room w/fireplace, large formal dining room. Remodeled bath & eat-in kitchen. Gorgeous hardwood floors. Detached office. Lush landscaping. Chris Cohn

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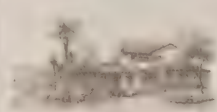
ADORABLE BUNGALOW \$499,000
An adorable 2BR/1BA bungalow w/a Mediterranean flair. Charming architectural details. Mavis Delacroix

CHARMING PARKWOODS \$509,000
Parkwoods Montclair model condominium w/modern amenities & stylish architecture. 2BR/2BA. Adam Betta
ADORABLE COTTAGE \$369,000
Adorable cottage near Westbrae shops, dining & BART. 1BR/1BA, eat-in kitchen. Anne Van Dyke



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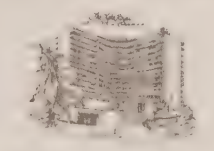
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\$749,000 **Open**
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\$735,000
Fabulous 3BR, 2-bath 1930 Tudor with Bay Area upgrades. Master BR retreat on upper level includes jet tub & balcony. Artist's studio converted house by wrought iron bridge. Gourmet kitchen end appliances, granite counters, marble floor.

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El Cerrito
\$525,000
Two-bedroom, one-bath home with two bedrooms. Bay views on huge level 10,000 sq. ft. lot. In prime Cerrito area on quiet street. Home has full basement extra storage. Fireplace, large kitchen, beautiful floors.

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High in the El Cerrito Hills. Wonderful 5BR, 2BA home close to Country Club. Level-in entrance, spacious open air kitchen overlooking magical garden setting. Freshly painted interior, new carpets, gleaming hardwood floors give this home the perfect finishing touches.

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\$710,000
Wonderful view home in great neighborhood nr parks, schools, shops. 3+BR/2BA including master suite. Many recent improvements including new designer kitchen, bath, dual-pane windows, upgraded electrical, French doors, hardwood floors, deck, landscaping.

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Adorable two+ bedroom, one-bath home on a quiet street in a prime El Cerrito area. Fresh landscaping and paint.

440 Albemarle Ave. Open Sun 2-4
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El Cerrito
\$495,000
Sparkling clean 2+ bedroom, 1 bath home. All-new kitchen with granite countertops and tile floors, new bathroom, new windows, new furnace, new electrical, new hardwood floors, new paint, and new garage door. Move right in!

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Magical 2+BR bungalow w/hardwood floors, Corian counters, central heat, exquisite bath & enormous yard w/multiple decks, fruit trees, & more. Conveniently located above Hwy 80, close to shopping, Alvarado & Wildcat Canyon Regional Parks.

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\$339,000
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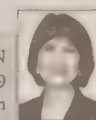
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1600 MILVIA STREET \$750,000
North Berkeley. Charming 3BD/2.5BA split level Victorian farmhouse with and eat-in kitchen, dining room that opens onto a private deck with a hot tub, yard and detached garage on a corner lot in great neighborhood.
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822 KEY ROUTE \$595,000
Albany. Stroll to Solano! Affordable Albany delight with 2BD including mstr suite, 2 full BA, updated kitchen, separate office with skylights and built-ins, fireplace, yard and garden.
Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246



FIVE UNITS IN GLENVIEW \$938,000
Glenview. \$73K Gross annual income. One 2BD, four 1BD including strikingly remodeled owner's unit. Five parking spaces. Low pest. Yard, common laundry.
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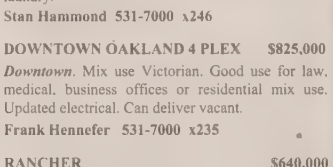
5132 COCHRANE AVENUE \$1,299,000
Rockridge, Upper. Major Price Reduction on this fabulous home. 3 or 4 BD/2.5BA, a wonderful kitchen with custom cabinets, family room and living room each with its fireplace, a formal dining room, master suite with closet space to spare. 2-car attached garage, AC, home theater, decks, hot tub, and a peaceful view of the hills.
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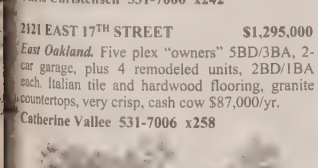
1735 LEIMERT BLVD. \$689,000
Oakmore. Exceptional charming 2BD/1BA split level home in the desirable Oakmore neighborhood. Treetop views, bonus room, bright and sunny, lush private yard and exceptional gardens.
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4419 CAMDEN STREET \$519,000
Maxwell Park. New Price! Spacious mid-century home on quiet cul-de-sac! Three bedroom, one and a half bath with mstr suite, large living room with fireplace and view, gorgeous hardwood floors, large "retro" eat-in kitchen, two-car garage, great patio and terraced gardens.
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East Oakland. Five plex "owners" 5BD/3BA, 2-car garage, plus 4 remodeled units, 2BD/1BA each. Italian tile and hardwood flooring, granite countertops, very crisp, cash cow \$87,000/yr.
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2204 ARLINGTON AVENUE \$645,000
San Leandro. Welcome to this beautiful home in the Fairmont Terrace area. Master suite with views and 2 additional bedrooms, spacious living room with fireplace, open dining area with sliders out to the marvelous deck "new" kitchen. Large backyard for play/relaxing. Interior access from garage. Definitely a must see!
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4126 GREENWOOD AVENUE \$499,000
Glenview. Contractors Special! Perfect opportunity to bring your own style into your new home. Featuring 3BD/1.5BA, a formal dining room, living room with fireplace and a family room. Some TLC will make this home beautiful again! Come See!
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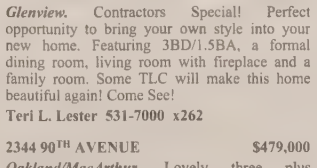
RANCHER \$640,000
Sequoia Highlands. 3 bedrooms/2 bath level in Rancher, very private in a sylvan setting. Great patio area to enjoy the serenity. New carpet, fresh paint, many upgrades, very desired area.
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6727 PINEHAVEN \$1,150,000
Montclair. Unique property in Tahoe setting. Four bedrooms, three bath all on one level. Four car garage with full bath and utilities. 1/3 acre.
Antoine Pirson 531-7000 x270



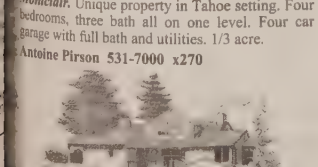
5147 CAMDEN STREET \$629,000
Maxwell Park. Unique opportunity on approximately 1/4 acre with park-like setting. Spacious 3BD/1.5BA with sunroom, living and dining room with maple hardwood floors. Large master bedroom, huge lower level with separate entrance and three plus bonus rooms-great for home business, artist/music studio, family room and more. Potential to build 2nd unit on this large double lot.
Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



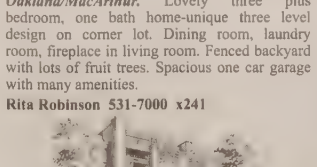
2344 90TH AVENUE \$479,000
Oakland/MacArthur. Lovely three plus bedroom, one bath home-unique three level design on corner lot. Dining room, laundry room, fireplace in living room. Fenced backyard with lots of fruit trees. Spacious one car garage with many amenities.
Rita Robinson 531-7000 x241



BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED CONDO \$325,000
Adams Point. 1BD/1BA unit, over 900 sq.ft. Updated kitchen and bath with granite kitchen and new appliances, new carpet and vinyl, fresh paint and large patio area for entertaining and plants.
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5611 FLORENCE TERRACE \$759,000
Montclair Hills. Location! Location! Traditional home with vaulted ceiling, formal dining room, spacious eat-in kitchen opening to patio, 3BD/1BA, easy access to freeway and public transportation. Potential!
Jaya Bhimani 531-7000 x289



500 VERNON STREET #115 \$325,000
Rose Garden. 1BD/1BA, Lovely new wood floors, new appliances and carpet, fresh paint. Near public transportation and shopping. Great complex with exercise room, pool and saunas.
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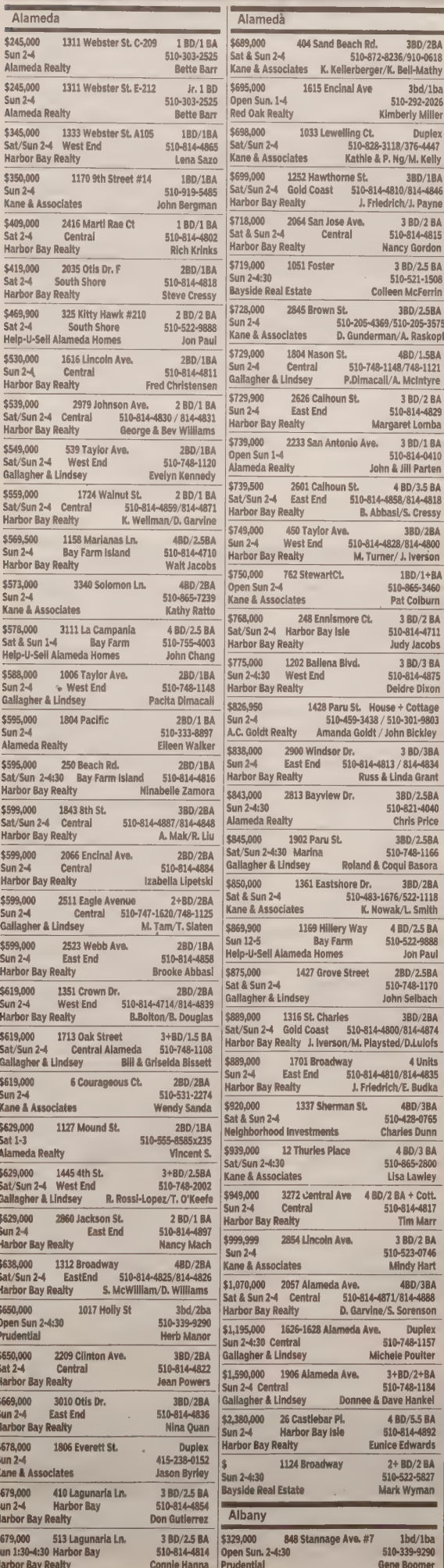
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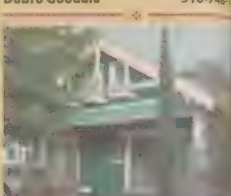
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SPORTS

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Section C

Around the horn

Historic win

■ The Piedmont High School girls volleyball knocked off Albany for the first time in several years on Tuesday. The Highlanders celebrated a 25-19, 25-22, 19-25, 25-22 victory over the Cougars. Albany went into the match 14-4 overall and 6-0 in the Bay Shore Athletic League. That included a non-league win over perennial power Carondelet and a league victory over St. Mary's, which has been ranked in the top five in Northern California by www.volleyball.com. The Highlanders entered the match at 4-2 in the BSAL. Megan Cummins led Piedmont with 18 kills, 12 assists and seven digs. Martina Szeto had 12 digs, Vivian Chan 18 assists and Claire Menke eight digs and six blocks.

— Dave Carpenter

State volleyball on the move

■ If any of the contending local high school teams make it to the state finals, their travel plans will be slightly different. The state championships will be at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo on Dec. 3. Since expanding to five divisions in 1991, the state finals have previously been staged at two sites — Cal State Fullerton (1991-96) and Cypress College (1997-2004). The big news for local fans is the tournament will be played in Northern California in 2006-07 and will rotate every two years between Northern and Southern California.

— California Interscholastic Federation

Good riddance, nonleague schedule

■ League play begins this week for the six Bay Shore Athletic League football teams. And that's a good thing. Albany, John Swett, Kennedy, Piedmont, St. Mary's and St. Patrick-St. Vincent combined for a 6-21-2 record and were outscored 832-493 in nonleague games. Piedmont's 2-2-1 mark is the best in the league. All six teams lost last week. In BSAL openers today, St. Patrick is at Kennedy at 3:30 p.m., and Albany is at Piedmont at 7 p.m. Saturday, St. Mary's hosts John Swett at 1:30 p.m.

— Dave Carpenter

A chance to reach NCS

■ This season, the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League does not have official league competition for girls golf and boys and girls cross country because of a lack of teams. It is required to have four schools participating to make up a league for a particular sport, said ACCAL commissioner Bill Jonell, and only three schools (Pinole Valley, Encinal and Hercules) have girls golf teams and just two schools (Hercules and Encinal) have cross country teams. Berkeley and Alameda are supplemental members of the BSAL in cross country, and Berkeley is a supplemental member of the BSAL in girls golf. The ACCAL had a deadline in June and not enough schools notified the league that there were going to have teams, so Berkeley and Alameda were allowed to become supplemental members of the BSAL, Jones said. But the remaining ACCAL teams in those sports will also have the chance to participate in North Coast Section playoffs. In cross country, the NCS championships are an open meet, so Hercules and Encinal can compete in their respective divisions there. In girls golf, the schools have to notify NCS that they are interested in playing in an NCS tournament, and the NCS will place them in a qualifying tournament, Jones said. Usually that tournament is another league's championship competition. The ACCAL will have an informal girls golf tournament in November, Jones said.

— Phil Jensen

On Deck

■ Girls golf, BSAL championship, at Paradise Valley Golf Club, Fairfield, Monday, noon — Undeclared Piedmont and St. Joseph Notre Dame's Karl Barnes go for league championships again. The Highlanders won last year's tournament championship with four players under 100 strokes, and Barnes was the medalist with an 85. The Highlanders are coming off a 31-stroke victory over Berkeley on the Yellow Jackets home course at Tilden Park. The win closed out the regular season for the Highlanders, who wound up 7-0 in BSAL matches. Berkeley joined the BSAL since the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League could not field enough teams this season. St. Mary's, St. Joseph, and St. Patrick-St. Vincent will also participate in the league final.

■ Girls volleyball, Alameda at Berkeley, Tuesday, 6 p.m. — At press time, the Hornets are one game behind the Yellow Jackets, who are undefeated in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League play.

Stars of the week

■ Dwayne Adams, Berkeley football — The junior rushed for 138 yards on 12 carries and scored two touchdowns in the Yellow Jackets' 45-8 win over Richmond.

■ Jana Poole, Albany girls volleyball — Poole had 11 kills, four aces, three digs and three blocks in the Cougars' 25-17, 25-17, 25-21 victory over Salesian.

■ Natalie Bogan, St. Mary's girls volleyball — Bogan had 10 kills, 3 blocks and 11 digs in the Panthers' 25-17, 25-18, 25-18 victory over Salesian. She also had 12 kills, 8 digs and two aces in St. Mary's 25-18, 25-18, 25-20 win over St. Patrick-St. Vincent.

■ Gabe Goldsmith, Head-Royce soccer — A member of a very strong freshman class, Goldsmith scored four goals in three games last week. He also showed versatility by playing both as a forward and central midfielder. Though the Jayhawks suffered their first defeat of the season against Branson on Oct. 3, it was Goldsmith's constant offensive pressure that helped create Head-Royce's only goal by Ryan Moore in a 2-1 loss. In a 1-1 draw with Lick-Wilmerding two days later, Goldsmith scored an unassisted goal and drew a penalty. Goldsmith capped the week with a hat trick against Chinese Christian on Oct. 7.

"They said the last white person that ever came to that village brought slaves back to America. I just started crying. It was so overwhelming."

— Anna Key, Cal soccer player, on her goodwill trip to Malawi



KEVIN BOYD

CAL SOCCER player Anna Key (kneeling with child) poses with some villagers during her recent trip to Africa.

Lending a helping foot

Soccer player tries to give back after African trip

By Jonathan Okanes

STAFF WRITER

In a village after impoverished village, Cal goalkeeper Anna Key was greeted warmly by the poor citizens of Malawi, a small country in southeast Africa. Until one day at a remote village in the middle of nowhere, instead of rushing toward her, the village children retreated. They looked frightened.

Key asked an interpreter to find out what was wrong. Turns out the natives thought Key was there to kill them.

"They told (the interpreter), 'Why did you bring a white person here to kill us?'" Key said. "They said the last white person that ever came to that village brought slaves back to America. I just started crying. It was so overwhelming."

HOW TO HELP

To learn more about assisting the underprivileged in Malawi, contact Child 2 Child at child2child@yahoo.com.

Key was overwhelmed on a daily basis during her three-week goodwill trip to Malawi earlier this summer. Key, a junior peace and conflict studies major whose mother, Dutch, served in the Peace Corps in Kenya, went on the mission to spend time with the Malawi National Team and educate herself about the serious problems facing the third world nation. What she found was a people in a daily battle to survive, fighting poverty, famine and AIDS.

"There were so many kids suffer-

ing from starvation, or kids born with AIDS," Key said. "There's really nothing I could have done to prepare for it. You see third world countries in the movies or on TV, but it's not anything like actually being there. You can't smell it and feel it and experience it. It was overpowering to be there."

Key chose to visit Malawi after taking a couple of classes from Cal linguistics professor Sam Mchombo, a Malawi native. Mchombo is a soccer enthusiast, and for the past several years both the Cal men's and women's soccer programs have donated gear for him to bring to the children of Malawi.

Key brought along a couple bags full of Cal gear and gave them to the Malawi National Team, which has only the most basic of resources. The

team practices on dirt fields with two metal rods stuck into the ground to serve as goals. It has only a couple of balls and no jerseys. And because there isn't any money for transportation, the team rarely has any opponents.

"I got to play with them and they're pretty good," Key said. "There's not enough field space for the women's team and the men's team to get separated, so the women play with the men. They're struggling right now to get international play because they don't have any transportation to play other countries. And their national team is running around in Cal women's soccer jerseys."

While providing assistance to Malawi's soccer program was re-

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SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

EL CERRITO HIGH'S Darnell Quinney, right, eludes some Alameda defenders during their team's 25-20 loss.

Big hit propels Berkeley

By Robert Jordan

STAFF WRITER

Richmond High School wide receiver Orlando Arnold is 6-foot-4, 240 pounds, so this shouldn't have happened.

Not with Berkeley safety Kenneth Adams being 5-foot-7 and 150 pounds. But with less than five minutes left to play in the first half Friday, Adams stuck Arnold with a hit heard around the stadium in Berkeley's 45-8 win over the host Oilers' football team in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League play.

The option play not only went for a 2-yard loss but sent Arnold to the sideline for the rest of the half.

And Arnold, who did return in the second half, can thank one guy for Adams' aggressive nature — Oilers first-year

PREP ROUNDUP

coach Lee Fletcher.

"I was brought up in an environment in youth football where no matter how big your opponent is, you always go hard," said Adams, who played under Fletcher for two years with the Richmond Steelers youth football team. "I saw (the play) twice and came up and made the tackle."

The play summed up the type of night the Yellow Jackets (3-2, 2-0 ACCAL) had bullying the Oilers (2-3, 0-2).

"I wish I could teach these guys (the Oilers) the same thing," said Fletcher, who won a youth football state title with the

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THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL GAMES

■ **Pinole Valley (4-1, 2-0 ACCAL) at Berkeley (3-2, 2-0), 4:30 p.m. today**

Last week: Pinole Valley beat Encinal 15-12; Berkeley beat Richmond 45-8.

Notes: In league play, the Spartans defense has allowed an average of only 13.5 points per game. The Yellow Jackets are averaging 313 rushing yards a game in ACCAL play this season.

■ **Hercules (2-3, 1-1 ACCAL) at El Cerrito (3-2, 1-1), 5 p.m. today**

Last week: Hercules lost to Encinal 24-16; El Cerrito lost to Alameda 25-

20.

Notes: The Titans took a 16-14 lead into the fourth quarter against Encinal last week. The Gauchos rushed for 223 yards last week without a 100-yard rusher. Darnell Quinney paced them with 64 yards.

■ **Albany (0-4-1, 0-0) at Piedmont (2-2-1, 0-0) 7 p.m. today**

Last week: Albany lost to Oakland 32-6; Piedmont lost to Jesse Bethel-Valejo 49-28.

Notes: The Cougars have given up a combined 761 rushing in their last three games, including 373 against

the Wildcats. Highlanders running back Peter Modera scored three times against the Jaguars.

■ **John Swett (1-4, 0-0) at St. Mary's (2-3, 0-0) 1:30 p.m. Saturday**

Last week: John Swett lost to Healdsburg 48-7; St. Mary's lost to Sacred Heart Cathedral-S.F. 21-0.

Notes: The Indians allowed two Greyhounds to rush for more than 100 yards and gave up a total of 333 yards on the ground. The Panthers have been shut out for the last nine quarters. Rolando Oliver scored St. Mary's last points on a 24-yard run against Salesian two weeks ago.

Prep

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Steelers when Adams was 11. "I think we had a little lingering memories from last year. And it made us a little apprehensive on the field."

Berkeley, with twice as many players on its roster as Richmond, outgained the Oilers 380-105 on offense and scored on running plays of 8, 55, 56, 4, 11 and 64 yards.

"Man he came out of nowhere. I caught it and he was there," said Arnold, who did score in the first quarter on a 60-yard pass from Chris Caluya. "We were dead on the field. We only had 19 guys and two of them got hurt."

Alameda 25, El Cerrito 20: In a thriller that came down to the last minute, the Hornets (3-2, 1-1 ACCAL) held off the Gauchos (3-2, 1-1) in an ACCAL game Friday at Alameda.

The lead seasawed back and forth until the fourth period, when Alameda, down 20-13, scored twice to secure the victory.

The Hornets struck first on their opening drive when quarterback Blake Reno-Bautista (8-for-14, 139 yards) scored on a 6-yard run.

El Cerrito engineered a 91-yard drive later in the second quarter and scored on a run by tailback Darnell Quinney. The Hornets quickly replied on a 7-yard burst by halfback Jonathan Ve'e (20 rushes, 163 yards, two touchdowns).

A 3-yard pass from Gauchos quarterback Don Miguel Tutass (8-for-20, 113 yards) to Isaiah Townsend knotted the score at 13-13 by halftime.

Both teams struggled in the third period, but with 10:03 left in the game Tutass found Chris Moncrease for a 46-yard touchdown pass to give the Gauchos a short-lived 20-13 lead.

Alameda took the ensuing possession 65 yards, the score coming on a 2-yard run by Ve'e. A two-point conversion attempt failed, and the Hornets trailed by one, 20-19.

The Hornets defense then held off El Cerrito, taking over on downs at the Gaucha 34. Alameda took the lead for good on a 6-yard slam from Reno-

Bautista to Derrick Chiu, and its defense held off the Gauchos on a desperation fourth-down incomplete pass with 53 seconds remaining to seal the win.

Oakland 32, Albany 6: The host Cougars (0-4-1) had no answer for Wildcats running back Cameron Brown, who rushed for a game-high 288 yards and four touchdowns in his team's victory on Friday. It was the second straight game that Brown has rushed for more than 200 yards, as he tallied 337 yards and four touchdowns against Piedmont.

Albany coach Dan Shaughnessy said that he thinks Brown is the best running back in the East Bay.

"He's a wonderful ballplayer. He's terrific," Shaughnessy said.

After a scoreless first quarter Brown scored on runs of 4 and 13 yards to give the Wildcats (2-2) a 12-0 halftime lead. Oakland increased its lead to 18-0 on a Brown 8-yard run in the third quarter before Albany's Eric Roberson ended a 72-yard drive with a 15-yard TD run. Roberson paced Albany in rushing with 117 yards on 18 carries.

Sacred Heart Cathedral-S.F. 21, St. Mary's 0: For the second week in a row, the Panthers (2-3) failed to put any points on the board, and the Fighting Irish (6-0) pulled out a hard-fought win at San Francisco's Kezar Stadium on Friday.

Trailing just 7-0 midway through the fourth quarter, the Panthers got what seemed to be a tide-turning play from line-backer Avery Hill, who stepped in front of a pass and returned the interception to the Sacred Heart 15-yard line.

BOYS WATER POLO

Berkeley 13, Pinole Valley 9: The Yellow Jackets owned the fourth period of its ACCAL match with host Pinole Valley on Oct. 6.

Trailing 9-8 entering the fourth period, the Yellow Jackets (7-3, 2-1 ACCAL) outscored the Spartans 5-0 in the final quarter to claim the victory at Contra Costa College.

Alameda 9, Berkeley 7: The host Hornets outscored the Yellow Jackets 6-1 in the fourth period to win on Oct. 5. Balarin led Berkeley in scoring with four goals.

GIRLS WATER POLO

Berkeley 13, Pinole Valley 3:

The Yellow Jackets improved to 8-4 overall and 2-1 in ACCAL action with the dominating victory on Oct. 6 at Contra Costa College. Phoebe Bryson-Cahn and Lucy Potter each had three goals to lead Berkeley in scoring.

Alameda 7, Berkeley 6: Despite four goals by Potter, the visiting Yellow Jackets lost to the Hornets on Oct. 5.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Piedmont d. Albany: The visiting Highlanders (5-2 Bay Shore Athletic League at press time) knocked the Cougars from the unbeaten ranks of the BSAL with a 25-19, 25-22, 19-25, 25-22 victory Tuesday.

The Highlanders never trailed in the fourth game against the Cougars (14-5, 6-1 BSAL at press time).

"Piedmont came in fired up. They were fantastic tonight," Albany coach Jeff Barnes said. "Their coaching staff had a great game plan (The team was) high energy in offense and defense. My hat's off to them."

St. Mary's d. St. Patrick-St. Vincent: Natalie Bogan had 12 kills, eight digs and two aces, and teammate Laura Challes had eight kills and two blocks as the Panthers (17-4, 6-1 BSAL) defeated the Bruins 25-18, 25-18, 25-20 on Tuesday.

Berkeley d. Richmond: Katie Cuan had 19 assists and Charlotte Carver had eight kills and five digs to help the Yellow Jackets (5-0 ACCAL) defeat the Oilers 25-8, 25-10, 25-5 on Tuesday.

Albany d. Holy Names: Jana Poole had 11 kills and Shireen Javandel added 12 digs as the Cougars defeated the host Monarchs 25-17, 25-17, 25-21 on Oct. 6 at Holy Names College.

St. Mary's d. Salesian: The visiting Panthers got 10 kills and 11 digs from Bogan, and 14 kills and 11 digs from Sarah Murray in a 25-17, 25-18, 25-18 victory on Oct. 6.

Berkeley d. Hercules: Cuan had 18 assists and 10 digs, and teammate Emily Carver had seven kills and five digs as the Yellow Jackets defeated the Titans 23-25, 25-14, 25-13, 25-20 on Oct. 6.

Staff writer Phil Jensen and correspondent Pete Elman contributed to this roundup.

ALBANY-BERKELEY STING SOFTBALL

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SUNNYVALE FAST PITCH TOURNAMENT
SEPT. 24

Sting 14 Blue 14, San Jose Rebels 5: On offense, Sabina Khan scored three runs, including two singles, and stole two bases. Helen Masson scored one run and stole one base; Krista Smithers scored three runs, had two RBI in one inning, and stole a base. Kate Carter scored one run and hit four RBI. Johanna Heyer scored a run and hit two RBI; Hannah Veeninga hit one RBI.

The number 2 was Abby Ridley-Kerr's magic number — she scored two runs, hit two singles and stole two bases. Liah Hubbard scored one run and stole one base; Kate McDonald scored two runs, stole two bases and hit a double and a single. On defense, Sting pitcher

Elizabeth Tulsy showed consistent skill. Smithers had two excellent innings as catcher, followed by a strong performance by Heyer. Carter and McDonald played particularly well at center field and short-stop, respectively. Ridley-Kerr caught three fly balls and Khan made an over-the-shoulder-on-the-run catch.

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DAVIS FAST PITCH TOURNAMENT
OCT. 1

Petaluma Steal Breeze 11, Sting Gold 10U 5; Davis Lady Demons 6, Sting Gold 10U 3: A series of defensive lapses in the first innings of both games in Davis gave the opponents leads that Sting Gold could not quite overcome. In the first game, Izzy Lubin-Brown and Catherine Cove each knocked two hits and an RBI, Jor-

dan Baker drove in Lubin-Brown twice with solid hits, and Kyle Daniels notched an RBI to lead off the second. Sting pitcher Brown fanned six batters in two innings.

In the second game, the Kyle Daniels led off the third sharp single. After Daniels' second and third, Lindsey Brown drove her in with a well-hit to the right side. In the fourth, Obstfeld, Annie Smith and Labov singled for Sting, who drove in Obstfeld. In the fifth, the field repeated her fourth-inning performance, cracking another line drive into the outfield and driving second again. Lubin-Brown drove Obstfeld in with a deep past the center fielder but not enough to overcome the Lady Demons' early lead.

Key

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deeming, it was Key's visits to the poor villages and orphanages that really had the most profound effect on her. Because of droughts over the past few years, the agriculturally-based nation has suffered through bad harvests, making famine an overwhelming problem. The natives essentially wear rags and sleep on dirt with no blankets or pillows.

Key spent about a week in these villages, often sleeping in a hut on a straw mat. She spent the rest of her time with Mchombo's son and daughter in slightly more developed towns.

"A lot of what I did was just sit there and listen," Key said. "People would just come up and start telling me what they needed. It was really frustrating for me because there wasn't a whole lot I could do. I couldn't help the way I wanted to. I didn't know they were going to be so helpless. I've never felt helpless. It was a foreign feeling to me, and I don't like it."

Key, who said she wanted to visit Africa "because I know it's in such bad shape, and I want to know why and understand why," said the experience shocked her more than she expected. She had to return home after three weeks, but it was more of a "see you later" than a "good-bye." Key said she wants to go back to Malawi after she graduates, but in the meantime has laid out plans of how she can help.

She is writing letters to all the coaches in the Pac-10, asking them to donate gear. She's also contacting corporations affiliated with soccer, such as Nike and Gatorade, to solicit their assistance. And Key has been approached by "Child 2 Child," a Santa Rosa-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to "provide simple and direct opportunities that enable children to help other children around the

world," according to founder Steven Falk.

Falk said he saw a story about Key's trip on a local newscast and wanted to help.

"I just thought she was someone who really cared," Falk said. "I could just sense that she had a big heart, that she was someone who saw that something needed to be done and stepped forward and did it by herself. In my experience, that is amazing."

Falk said the planning is still in the preliminary stages, but he envisions a project called "Cool to Care," with Key as the spokesperson, spreading the word to her peers.

"Anna keeps saying that so many people at Berkeley want to do something but don't know what to do," Falk said. "Maybe we can create some things they can do. I have lots of people tell me they want to help but then don't show up. But Anna got herself to Africa. She walked the walk. I want to support her in this walk."

Key has taken two classes from Mchombo — Swahili and a freshman seminar in language and politics in Africa. It was Mchombo's son, David, who greeted Key at the airport in Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi. She also stayed with Mchombo's daughter, Linda. Key's interpreter was the director of the orphan center.

"When she told me she wanted to go to Malawi, I was fairly surprised at first, especially with what I had been saying

about the conditions in the world," Mchombo said. "Initially, I just kind of let it slide. But she felt like she wanted to go and make a difference. Anna's trip was inspirational to all of them. I call them now, they say 'How is Anna?'"

Key said she was having nightmares during the trip, waking up in the middle of the night and experiencing what she termed as "anxiety attacks." Nightmares haven't stopped since she's been home.

"I think about it every day," she said. "All I can do is go to school, do well in school, and be a good job where I can make a difference. I just can't sit there knowing that this is out there and nothing is happening. I just think that it could be helping more effectively."

Key said her trip made her appreciate the basic luxuries that she is afforded in Africa, such as running water and electricity. But she said she learned that with those things comes responsibility.

"I am privileged and I am underprivileged," Key said. "I wouldn't be an absolute truth. I didn't do anything to take advantage of the privilege. I think America should have a responsibility to help the rest of the world. If I could give body in the world something would give them a trip too — just to know how the half lives."

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"THE ARISTOCRATS": A documentary about the art of telling a joke. It's not just any joke, but an incredibly funny one that every comedian who's or her salt knows. Among the stars are Phyllis Diller, Robin Williams, Chris Rock, Richard Lewis, and on and on. A great peek into the world of comedy. — M. Pols. (PG: unrated; but filled with obscene language.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. **B+**

"WOKEN FLOWERS": We meet the legendary Don (Bill Murray) as he's being dumped by his live-in lover (Delpy). On the same day, an unnamed letter informs Don that he unknowingly fathered a son 19 years ago and that the boy may be on a quest to find his father. Don sets off on a cross-country journey to look for his son. The women he loved and left behind are still alive and to figure out who might have borne him a child. A beautifully acted and intelligent movie that, alas, doesn't work as well as it should. With Sharon Stone, Bruce Conroy, Jessica Lange and Kevin Connolly. — M. Pols. (R: language, some graphic nudity, brief drug use.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. **B**

"CAPOTE": Philip Seymour Hoffman wouldn't be the only name considered for an Oscar nomination — this award profound film about the mak-

ing of a masterpiece and the undoing of a writer deserves one as well. Hoffman never misses a beat playing flamboyant author Truman Capote. The assured film, from director Bennett Miller, follows the egomaniacal author through the process of writing his masterpiece, "In Cold Blood." Catherine Keener is exceptional as Capote's friend, and assistant, Harper Lee. — R. Myers. (R: some violent images and brief strong language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **A**

"CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY": Tim Burton's take on Roald Dahl's book is darker, stranger and way cooler than the 1971 Gene Wilder cinematic classic. Visually it's all Burton, a fairy tale come to life. Johnny Depp's Willy Wonka is like a cross between Michael Jackson and Carol Channing, which sounds terrifying, but is instead captivating. A don't-miss summer movie that should live on for decades to come. — M. Pols. (PG: quirky situations, mild language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **A-**

"THE CONSTANT GARDENER": In this excellent adaptation of John le Carré's novel, Ralph Fiennes portrays a British diplomat, a hapless good guy who seems to be a doormat. But when his activist wife is killed in the film's first moments, the character evolves to reveal unathwarted depths. Director Fernando Meirelles makes Kenya part of his story, as he did with Rio in the Oscar-nominated "City of God." — M. Pols. (R: language, some violent images, sexual content, nudity.) 2 hours, 9 minutes. **A-**

"CORPSE BRIDE": Tim Burton returns to the dazzling world of stop-motion animation for this clever romp through a literary boneyard for its inspiration. The "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" director follows up that summer success with this macabre and sweet confection, wherein an unlucky-in-love corpse (voice of Helena Bonham Carter) gets another chance at the altar. But this relationship has issues; not only is the object of her affection (voice of Johnny Depp) already engaged, but he's alive. — R. Myers. (PG: some scary images and action, and brief mild language.) 1 hour, 17 minutes. **B**

"EL CRIMEN PERFECTO": In this antic and outrageous black comedy, Rafael Gonzalez (Guillermo Toledo) is a salesman in the ladies' department of a Madrid, Spain, department store. The suave womanizing Rafael's fond dream is to be made form father-manager. When his archival, Don Antonio

(Luis Varela), is named to the position instead, Rafael's world begins to unravel. — D. Stevens. (Not rated; in Spanish with subtitles.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **B+**

"EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED": For his directing debut, Liev Schreiber has boiled down Jonathan Safran Foer's bizarre novel into something a little more conventional. But only a little. The lead character, also named Jonathan Safran Foer (Elijah Wood), goes searching around Ukraine for an ancestral village destroyed during the Holocaust. He hires a young Ukrainian man and his grumpy, blind grandfather to help him find the mystery woman who, family legend has it, saved his grandfather's life during the German occupation. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: violence, language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. **B**

"THE EXORCISM OF EMILY ROSE": Are demons real, or a manifestation of mental illness? Do exorcisms work because they tap into the power of God, or because the sufferer has been preconditioned to respond? This film explores both sides while delivering some creepy chills. Laura Linney plays an attorney assigned to defend a rural priest charged with homicide. His parishioner Emily Rose succumbed after months of torment by what the priest is convinced was demonic presence. — R. Butler. (PG-13: thematic material, including intense/frightening sequences and disturbing images.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **C**

"FLIGHTPLAN": Jody Foster plays a woman who wakes up on a transatlantic flight claiming that her daughter is missing. The actress walks that tightrope between "Is she paranoid?" and "Should she be?" with such conviction and panic that she makes this "Twilight Zone" nightmare plausible and horrific. — R. Moore. (PG-13: violence, intense plot material.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **B**

"THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN": Unabashedly raunchy, yet funny enough to keep you entertained through its feel-good finish. Steve Carell (from TVs "The Office") plays Andy, a middle-aged man who, because of a bad encounter or three, has decided that it's best to avoid women and concentrate on building his collection of action figures. But when his doofus co-workers discover his status, they make it their mission to get their friend some sex. With Catherine Keener. — G. Whipp. (R: pervasive sexual content, language, some drug

use.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **B**

"GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK": George Clooney directed, wrote and co-stars in this sharp black-and-white film about veteran newsmen Edward R. Murrow's tangle with anti-Communist fanatic Joseph McCarthy (wisely depicted in archival footage). The film both educates and entertains, reminding us of an important episode in history that resonates today. — R. Myers. (PG: mild thematic elements, brief language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **A**

"THE GOSPEL": With rafter-shaking, R&B-tinged gospel performances, there are some mighty joyful noises in this movie. Boris Kodjoe is David "D.T." Taylor, the son of a preacher man (Clifton Powell) whose devotion often made him absent, even when David's mother died. David left home to become a pop star; 13 years later, the prodigal son returns when his father falls ill. — S. Persall. (PG: brief sensuality, mature themes, brief language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B-**

"THE GREATEST GAME EVER PLAYED": As a spectator sport, golf doesn't rate high on the excitement meter. But this compelling family film about an unlikely 20-year-old golfer who challenges the champ convincingly gets its inspirational rah-rah on. The movie tackles bigger issues as well, showing how classism pervaded the sport in England and America. The movie works for the most part, even though a bloated running time and a few bad moves by director Bill Paxton occasionally sink it into the sand trap. — R. Myers. (PG: mild brief language.) 2 hours. **B-**

"A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE": One act of violence triggers another, which leads to another and another in director David Cronenberg's latest head trip. Viggo Mortensen plays an all-American dad who finds his family being hounded by a menacing man (Ed Harris) after he thwarts a robbery at his diner. The sexually graphic and gory film meditates on violence, identity and the American dream. It's not for the squeamish, but it is one of the year's most powerful and unsettling films. — R. Myers. (R: strong brutal violence, graphic sexuality, nudity, language and some drug use.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **A-**

"IN HER SHOES": This film version of the "chick lit" book uses every shoe metaphor imaginable, and jams it into a much too lengthy running time. Cameron Diaz plays the sexy sister to Toni Collette's frumpy one in this lightweight exploration of family

OPENING TODAY

"DARWIN'S NIGHTMARE" (NR) This documentary focuses on globalization through fish processing in Mwanza, Tanzania. (At the Balboa, S.F.)

"DOMINO" (R) The daughter of a model and an actor (Keira Knightley) abandons her privileged life to become a bounty hunter. With Lucy Liu, Christopher Walken and Mickey Rourke.

"ELIZABETHTOWN" (PG-13) A journey man (Orlando Bloom) journeys home for a funeral and finds unexpected love. Kirsten Dunst co-stars in this romantic comedy from Cameron Crowe.

"THE FOG" (R) Something wicked shivers the

timbers of coastside villagers in this remake of a John Carpenter fright fest. Tom Welling of TV's "Smallville" stars.

"FORTY SHADES OF BLUE" (NR) A young woman falls for the son of her lover, an older rock 'n' roll legend played by Rip Torn.

"INNOCENT VOICES" (R) An 11-year-old boy in 1980s El Salvador faces two fates: Enter the army or join a rebel group. (In Spanish with subtitles.)

"THE WAR WITHIN" (NR) A Pakistani engineering student is imprisoned and tortured, spurring him to plot a terrorist attack.

and romance. The jury remains out on whether Diaz can still act, but Collette, Mark Feuerstein and Shirley Maclaine as a "lost" grandmother almost make this soap opera material float. — R. Myers. (PG: thematic material, language and some sexual content.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. **C**

"INTO THE BLUE": Jared lives in a trailer in the Bahamas with his girlfriend, Sam (Jessica Alba), a shark handler. She loves their quiet life, but he dreams of searching for sunken vessels bearing lost riches. Jared gets his chance when an old colleague buddy visits with his girlfriend, and innocent diving adventures lead to two discoveries: a 150-year-old shipwreck, and a fortune in cocaine inside a cargo plane. — D. Germain. (PG-13: intense sequences of action violence, drug material, some sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **D+**

"JUST LIKE HEAVEN": Despite a too-heavy plot revelation in its final act, this bit of romantic fluff often works, thanks to its two leads — Mark Ruffalo and Reese Witherspoon. She plays the blithe spirit who returns to her San Francisco apartment only to find it has been sublet to a sad but cute man (Ruffalo). The two try to fill in the blanks of their lives in a romantic comedy that is almost defeated by the introduction of the serious touch. Ruffalo steals the show. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some sexual content.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **B-**

"LORD OF WAR": Gore oozes, seeps and spatters, and yet this movie/sermon feels bloodless. Nicolas Cage plays Yuri Orlov, a Ukrainian emigre who rises from under-the-table gun seller to international gun runner. With brother Vital (Jared Leto) guarding his back, we watch Yuri's 20-year climb. Yuri deals in cash-and-carry, and he fast-talks his way out of death a dozen times. He doesn't take sides, and every time a shell casing bounces out of a chamber in Sierra Leone or Liberia, he hears a "chaching." — R. Moore. (R: strong violence, drug use, language, sexuality.) 2 hours. **B**

"MAD HOT BALLROOM": This documentary follows several teams of pre-adolescent student dancers from New York as they train for the nerve-racking competition that caps the American Ballroom Theater's "Dancing Classrooms" program. There's inherent drama built into any contest, and the filmmakers make the most of the fact — without milking it for cheap sentiment — that there will not just be winners, but losers. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG: some mild references to sex and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **B+**

"MARCH OF THE PENGUINS": A stunningly beautiful documentary about the mating habits of Emperor penguins. Makes you feel like a kid again — curious, excited and enrap-

tured by a story that has nothing to do with humans, not to mention Morgan Freeman narrating in his soothing, rich-as-caramel voice. The only unfortunate aspect is the way director Luc Jacquet anthropomorphizes the birds, incorporating human ideals of love into the screenplay. It's unnecessary; the remarkable story of the penguins can more than stand alone. Still, this is the perfect family movie. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 20 minutes. **B+**

"MIRRORMASK": This fantasy follows the odyssey of 15-year-old Helena, who has a life most kids would relish. She travels with her parents in a circus, but longs for a normal existence. Helena is overcome with guilt when her mother falls seriously ill after a bitter fight. She retreats into a fantasy world in which her mother is both good queen and bad queen; the girl must retrieve a magic charm to help the good queen. — P. Wuntch. (PG: scary images.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. **A-**

"OLIVER TWIST": The classic Charles Dickens tale gets the definitive treatment from "The Pianist" director Roman Polanski. Barney Clark makes a fine plucky hero, but it's Ben Kingsley's accomplished performance as master manipulator Fagin that stands out. In fact, everything stands out in this loving adaptation. — R. Myers. (PG-13: disturbing images.) 2 hours, 15 minutes. **A-**

"THE PRIZE WINNER OF DEFIANCE, OHIO": Julianne Moore stars as Evelyn Ryan, a real-life wife and mother of 10 who kept her family financially afloat by winning jingle contests in the 1950s. Woody Harrelson plays her alcoholic husband. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: thematic elements, some disturbing images, language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **C-**

"PROOF": There's a lot of talent in front of and behind the cameras for this screen version of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Unfortunately, Oscar-winners Gwyneth Paltrow and Anthony Hopkins, along with nearly everyone else, seem to be off their mark. There's some great writing, but in the end, this production of a smart tale about family, madness and genius simply doesn't add up. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some sexual content, language and drug content.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **C**

"ROLL BOUNCE": In this '70s roller boogie comedy-drama-romance, Bow Wow plays Xavier (or "X"), who pals around with his skate buddies. The whole endeavor is set against the backdrop of the socioeconomic disparity between Chicago's South Side — where X and his friends live — and the wealthier North Side, where they're forced to skate once their rundown local rink closes. It's all formula.

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laic, but Bow Wow is likable enough to make most of the movie tolerable. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: language, some crude humor.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. C+

"SEPARATE LIES": Written and directed by Julian Fellowes and magnificently played by Tom Wilkinson and Emily Watson, this film manages to plumb Bergman-esque depths of conjugal distress while maintaining a very English tone of behavioral restraint and martini-dry humor. While the conflict between married couple James and Anne Manning is drawn from Nigel Balchin's 1951 novel "A Way Through the Wood," Fellowes has shrewdly added a crime mystery plot line. — B. Strauss. (R: language, adult themes.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. B+

"SERENITY": This follow-up to the canceled cult TV series "Firefly" combines classic elements of Westerns and science fiction, but sharp writing and well-drawn characters mean you can enjoy it even if you don't like those genres. Or if you don't have a history with the characters. — C. Hewitt. (PG-13: intense violence and action, some sexual references.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B-

"THUMBSUCKER": In the title role, Lou Pucci plays Justin Cobb, a pale, thin 17-year-old who still sucks his thumb, much to the consternation of his parents. He doesn't fit in neatly with his peers, or in the classroom, yet winds up on the debate team. This at once enrages and challenges his coach (Vince Vaughn), who declares that Justin suffers from attention-deficit disorder and suggests Ritalin. A break-out role for the young performer, but the movie offers nothing we haven't already seen. — K. Thomas. (R: drug/alcohol use and sexuality involving teens, coarse language, a disturbing image.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C

"TWO FOR THE MONEY": Matthew McConaughey plays a former college quarterback who blew out his knee, still harbors hopes of a pro tryout, and who keeps his foot in the door by picking winners for Vegas gambler 900 lines. Al Pacino is New York gambling "adviser." The new kid picks at an 80 percent success rate and is soon the rising star of the \$200 billion sports-gaming industry. — R. Moore. (R: pervasive language, a scene of sexuality, a violent act.) 2 hours. C

"2046": Writer-director Kar Wai's Wong's rendering of 1960s Hong Kong is visually mesmerizing, but beneath the surface, there's little substance to the characters or situations. Tony Leung reprises his role from "In the Mood for Love" as Mr.

Chow, formerly an idealistic newspaper editor who now writes soapy fiction just to scrape by. The film follows him as he hooks up with various women he meets while living at a hotel — the rotating inhabitants of room 2046. — C. Lemire. (R: sexual content; in Cantonese, Japanese and Mandarin with subtitles.) 2 hours, 9 minutes. B-

"AN UNFINISHED LIFE": Robert Redford plays Elmer, who lives in Wyoming on a nearly deserted ranch, with only his old friend and former employee Mitch (Morgan Freeman) for company. Mitch was attacked and essentially crippled by a grizzly the year before our story begins. When the bear returns, the two men don't see eye to eye on how to handle it. Then along comes Jennifer Lopez as Elmer's widowed daughter-in-law. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some violence, including domestic abuse, and language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. C+

"WAITING": In this raunchy, rude, "old school"-style look at the world of the waiting and the waited upon resides Monty, the overage Lothario waiting on folks at ShenaniganZ, and sexing up the underage "greeters" and waitresses. There's the hot lesbian bartender, assorted hot waitresses, assorted loser waiters, psycho cooks and a psycho-babbling guru dish washer. See this and you will never send a steak back to the kitchen again. Never ever. — R. Moore. (R: strong crude and sexual humor, pervasive language, drug use.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B

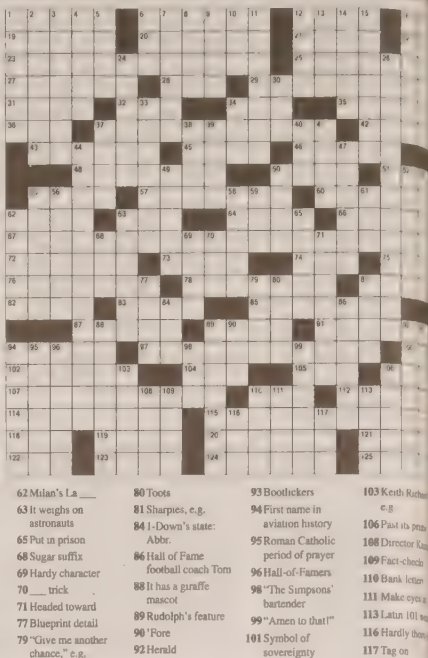
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"WEDDING CRASHERS": Finally, a summer comedy that can make your stomach hurt from laughing. Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson play best friends who crash weddings looking for girls. The story slides downhill in its second half, when the focus is on a conventional romance between Wilson's character and pretty girl Rachel McAdams, but this is still the adult crowd-pleaser of the year. With Christopher Walken and newcomer Isla Fisher as a vixen who gives Vaughn a run for his money. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content/nudity and language.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B+

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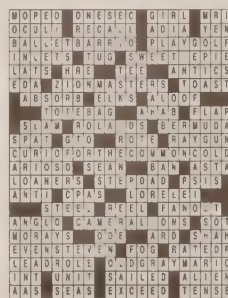
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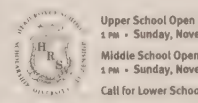
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BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE — "Our Town," Sept. 14 through Oct. 23. Thornton Wilder's classic play tells the bittersweet tale of life in a small American town. In the Rodea Theatre. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. NO MATINEE PERFORMANCE OCT. 20. \$45 to \$59.

"Fin in the Underworld," Oct. 11 through Nov. 6. The world premiere of Jordan Harrison's psychosexual horror tale of ghosts, mystery and family secrets. On the Thrust Stage. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$43 to \$59.

"Monday Night PlayGround," Oct. 17 through March 20. A monthly series presenting staged readings of short works by new and emerging playwrights. Third Monday of every month. Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20 and March 20, 8 p.m. \$16. (415) 704-3177 or www.playgroundsf.org.

2025 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 647-2949, (888) 4BR-Tix or www.berkeley.org

CENTRAL WORKS THEATER ENSEMBLE

"Achilles and Patroklos," Oct. 21 through Nov. 20. A new play by Gary Graves about love and war that takes five characters from Homer's "The Iliad" and recasts them in a Middle Eastern conflict. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. \$9 to \$25.

Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. (510) 558-1381 or www.centralworks.org.

THE MARSH BERKELEY

Lunatique Fantastique's "Executive Order 9068," Sept. 22 through Oct. 21. Liebe Wetzels troupe of found-object puppeteers explores the events of the Japanese internment during World War II using only pieces of wood, suitcases, books, a tea set and other household items. Thursday through Saturday, 7 p.m. \$15 to \$22.

Gaia Gala," Oct. 16, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Marsh celebrates its new East Bay performance space with an open house, refreshments and Marsh performers Brian Copeland, Josh Kornbluth, Lunatique Fantastique, Charlie Varon and others. \$25. (800) 838-3006.

The Gaia Building, 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley. (415) 826-5750 or www.the-marsh.org.

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BERKELEY DEPARTMENT OF THEATER, DANCE AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES — "The Cradle Will

Rock," Oct. 7 through Oct. 16. A production musical about the 1930s Labor Movement. The original production, directed by Orson Welles, was banned for political reasons. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$14 general; \$8 students and seniors. Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley campus, Spieker Plaza, Bancroft Way and Dana Street, Berkeley. (510) 642-9925 or http://theater.berkeley.edu.

POPULAR MUSIC

924 GILMAN ST. — All ages welcome. M.D.C., Blown to Bits, Retching Red, War Crimes, Oct. 14. \$5. Clit 45, Last Target, Human Host, Free Radical, The Sun Jul, Oct. 15. \$7. Hostile Takeover, Hit Me Back, Cinder, Right On, Comadre, Oct. 21. \$7. Killing the Dream, Allegiance, More to Pride, The Answer, By My Will, Oct. 22. \$6.

\$5 unless otherwise noted. Shows start Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. (510) 525-9926 or www.924gilman.org.

ALBATROSS PUB

Whiskey Brothers, Ongoing. Old-time and bluegrass. First and third Wednesdays of every month. Free. Pickpocket Ensemble, Oct. 22. \$3. Shows begin Wednesday, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-2473 or www.albatrosspub.com.

ANNA'S JAZZ ISLAND

"UpSurge! 15th Anniversary Celebration," Oct. 23, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. An evening of jazz and poetry. \$15. (510) 835-5348 or www.upsurgejazz.com. \$5 to \$7 unless otherwise noted. 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley. (510) 841-JAZZ or www.annasjazzisland.com.

ASHKENAZ

Steve Lucky and the Rumba Bums with Ms. Carmen Getit, Oct. 14, 9:30 p.m. 8 p.m. Swing dance lesson. \$13. Sister I-Live, Oct. 15, 9:30 p.m. \$13. Swamp Coolers, Oct. 18, 8:30 p.m. Cajun/Western Swing dance lesson at 8 p.m. \$9.

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Grapefruit Ed, The Flux, Oct. 21, 9:30 p.m. \$10. The Sidewinders, Harry Best and Shabang, Oct. 22, 9:30 p.m. \$13.

1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com.

BERKELEY ARTS FESTIVAL GALLERY

The Howard Wiley Trio, Oct. 15, 8 p.m. \$10.

Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 2324 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 665-9496 or www.berkeleyartsfestival.com.

CAL PERFORMANCES

— All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless oth-

erwise noted.

Yuri Yunakov Ensemble, Oct. 14, 8 p.m. An evening of "Bulgarian Bebop" featuring clarinetist Ivo Papasov. This performance is in Wheeler Auditorium on the University of California at Berkeley campus. \$32.

Manza, Oct. 21, 8 p.m. An evening of Portuguese fado music by the singer and her band. \$24 to \$46.

Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT

Jennifer Lee Quartet, with David Udolf and Kristen Strom, Oct. 14, 9 p.m. Eric Swinderman Quartet, with Mary Williams, Ruth Davies and Raul Ramirez, Oct. 15, 9 p.m. Brian Kane, Oct. 18. Solo jazz guitar. Ned Boynton Trio, Oct. 19. Mark Levine and John Witala, Oct. 20. Helene Attia Quartet, Oct. 21. Audrey Shimkas Quartet, Oct. 22. Free unless otherwise noted. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 649-3810 or www.downtown-restaurant.com.

FREIGHT AND SALVAGE

Perfect Strangers, Oct. 14. \$18.50 to \$19.50. Rachel Garlin, Oct. 15. \$18.50 to \$19.50. Oh, Mr. Sousa!, Oct. 16. \$18.50 to \$19.50. John Hammond, Oct. 19. \$18.50 to \$19.50. Brian Joseph, Oct. 20. \$17.50 to \$18.50. Eric Anderson, Sonia, Oct. 21. \$18.50 to \$19.50. The John Jorgenson Quintet, Oct. 22. \$21.50 to \$22.50.

Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 548-1761 or www.freightandsalvage.org.

GREEK THEATRE

Sheryl Crow, Oct. 21, 8 p.m. \$35.50 to \$65.50. Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley. (510) 548-3010 or www.apconarts.com.

JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Tyva Kyzy, Oct. 21, 8 p.m. The ensemble performs traditional Tuvan folk music and vocals. \$14 to \$16. (925) 798-1300.

2640 College Ave., Berkeley. (510) 845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER

Jaranon Y Bochinche, Oct. 14, 8:30 p.m. An evening of traditional and contemporary Afro-Peruvian music. \$15. Francisco Aguabella y Su Grupo Ara Oko, Oct. 15, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. An evening of Afro-Cuban folkloric music and dance. \$20.

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Stop the Wars Tour with Norman Solomon and folksinger David Rovics, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. A benefit for the National Radio Project. \$10 to \$15.
La Familia Son!, Oct. 21, 9 p.m. O.C. Company of Prophets, Oct. 22, 9 p.m. \$10 general; \$8 students.
Mitote Jazz, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. \$12 to \$14.
3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568 or www.lapena.org.

SHATTUCK DOWN LOW — "Live Salsa." Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$10 general; \$5 students.
Vinyl, Oct. 21, 9:30 p.m. \$8 general; \$5 students.
Brown Baggin' Oct. 22, 9:30 p.m. \$5. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 548-1159 or www.shattuckdownlow.com.

STARRY PLOUGH PUB — The Starry Irish Music Session led by Shay Black. Ongoing. Sundays, 8 p.m. Sliding scale.
The People, Oct. 14, 9:30 p.m. \$6. Naked Barbies, Oct. 15, 9 p.m. \$6. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 841-2082 or www.starryploughpub.com.

YOSHIS — Ray Brown Birthday Tribute, Oct. 13 and Oct. 16, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. With Christian McBride, John Clayton, Russell Malone, Greg Hutchinson and Benny Green. Thursday 8 p.m., \$20, 10 p.m., \$12; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 p.m., \$24; Friday, 10 p.m., \$16; Sunday, 2 p.m., \$5 kids, \$15, adult with one kid, \$20 general; Sunday, 8 p.m., \$24.
Rova Saxophone Quartet, Oct. 17, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. 8 p.m., \$16; 10 p.m., \$10.
Plena Libre, Oct. 18 and Oct. 19. \$10 to \$18.
Dee Dee Bridgewater, Oct. 20 through Oct. 23. \$14 to \$24 general; \$5 children for Sunday matinee.
Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. (510) 238-9200 or www.yoshis.com.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

CAL PERFORMANCES — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted.
Christopher Maltman, Oct. 16, 3 p.m. The British baritone, accompanied by pianist Malcolm Martineau, performs works by Schumann, Mahler, Duparc, Hahn, Paladilhe, Debussy and

Poulenc. At Hertz Hall. \$42.
Anne Sofie von Otter, Oct. 19, 8 p.m. The Swedish mezzo-soprano, accompanied by pianist Bengt Forsberg, performs works by Wilhelm Peterson-Bergner, Sibelius, Reynaldo Hahn, Percy Grainger, Montague Phillips, Schubert, Howard Ferguson and Molly Carew. \$34 to \$58.
Andras Schiff, Oct. 23, 3 p.m. The Hungarian pianist performs works by Haydn and Beethoven. \$34 to \$58.
Sequentia, Oct. 23, 7 p.m. The four-member medieval music group, performing on vocals, lute, flute and harp, presents a program of songs from 10th- and 11th-century Europe. Pre-performance talk at 6 p.m. At Hertz Hall. \$42.
Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 842-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES — Oakland Lyric Opera, Oct. 23, 2 p.m. The program, "Poems of Ecstasy," is a live multimedia performance by soprano and filmmaker Caroluna Michelson and pianist Kristin Panknin of works by 20th-century French composers, accompanied by original video imagery. Reservations requested. \$18 to \$20. (510) 836-6772 or www.oaklandlyricopera.org.
4499 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. (510) 654-0123 or www.chapelofthechimes.com.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BERKELEY — Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, Oct. 15 and Oct. 16. The program, "Musica de la Noche," features early Spanish music by Boccherini and Ariaga. Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 p.m. \$28 to \$56. (415) 392-4400 or www.philharmonia.org.
2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

MILLS COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT AND THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY MUSIC — Concerts take place in the Concert Hall unless otherwise noted.
Dan Joseph, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. The composer discusses his recent post-minimal chamber music and performs his hammer dulcimer duet "Cutting Board Canons" with percussionist William Winant. In the Ensemble Room. Free.
Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. (510) 430-2296 or www.mills.edu.

OAKLAND EAST BAY SYMPHONY — "A Concert for Peace and Humanity," Oct. 23, 7 p.m. In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the United Nations, a UNICEF benefit concert for Hurricane Katrina relief featuring conductor Michael Morgan and the Oakland East Bay Symphony, jazz singer Nataasha Miller, Cantare Con Vivo, Neo Camerata. Chorus for Peace and actress Caroline Lagerfelt. In a performance of works by Copland, Bernstein, John Vitz, Mark Landson, Lionel Ritchie and Michael Jackson, traditional Swedish folk songs and writings by Dag Hammarskjöld. There will be a pre-performance lecture at 6 p.m., followed by the concert and a United

Nations flag ceremony at 7 p.m., and a postconcert benefit reception at 9:30 p.m. \$20 to \$40 concert; \$80 postperformance benefit reception. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 825-8497, (415) 421-8497 or www.oeb.org.

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION — "Praise God With Strings and Pipes!" Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Organists Oscar Burdick, Gail and Wayne Eastwood, Don Frueh, Karen Hastings-Fiegl, Kevin Manz and Scott Nelson perform works by Jean Langlais, Emma Lou Diemer, Jarmir Weinberger and others. Free. (510) 849-8271, (510) 849-8284.
1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. (800) 999-0528 or www.psr.edu.

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH — Sandalwood, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m. The ensemble performs Baroque music, tangos, classical Middle Eastern music and traditional music from Romania, Bulgaria and Bolivia. (808) 828-2185.
St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany.

ST. DAVID OF WALES CHURCH — Flauti Diversi, Oct. 22, 8 p.m. An all-Bach program for baroque flute, viola da gamba, harpsichord and voice. \$18 general; \$15 seniors and students. (510) 527-9840.
5641 Esmond Ave., Richmond.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Organist Davitt Moroney, Oct. 16, 4 p.m. An organ recital featuring works by Froberger, Bohn and Purcell. \$15 general; \$5 students.
2727 College Ave., Berkeley. (510) 845-6830 or www.stjohns.presbychurch.net.

TRINITY CHAMBER CONCERTS — Avenue Winds, Oct. 22, 8 p.m. The woodwind quintet performs standard pieces and new favorites. \$12 general; \$8 seniors, disabled persons and students. Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. (510) 549-3864 or www.trinitychamberconcerts.com.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC CONCERTS — University Symphony, Oct. 19, noon. David Milnes conducts the Symphony in a performance of works by Varese and Ravel.
Music Centenary Event, Oct. 21, 4 p.m. The music department celebrates its 100th year with an afternoon of lectures, slide presentations and performances by the University Chamber Chorus and the University Symphony Orchestra with the Center for New Music and Audio Technologies. Free. Unless otherwise noted. \$10 general; \$7 seniors and students; Wednesday noon concerts are free. Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley, College Avenue and Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 842-9988 or http://music.berkeley.edu.

DANCE

ASHKENAZ — Steve Lucky and The Rumba Bums

with Ms. Carmen Getti, Oct. 14, 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing and Lindy Hop. Swing dance lesson begins at 8 p.m. \$13 per person.
Swamp Coolers, Oct. 18, 8:30 p.m. Cajun/Western Swing dance lesson at 8 p.m. \$9.
Bernard Anderson and The Old School Band, Oct. 19, 9 p.m. West Coast Swing dance lesson at 8 p.m. \$9.
Dhol Patrol: A Night of Bhanga, Oct. 20, 9:30 p.m. Bhanga dance lesson at 9 p.m. \$8.
Israeli Folk Dancing With Allen King, Oct. 23, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. \$7.
1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com.

CAL PERFORMANCES — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted.

Kirov Ballet and Orchestra of the Mariinsky Theatre, Oct. 12 through Oct. 16. The Kirov Ballet and Orchestra perform "The Sleeping Beauty" featuring a score by Pyotr Tchaikovsky and choreographed by Marius Petipa with revised choreography by Konstantin Sergeyev and choreographic fragments by Fodor Lopukhov. Oct. 14, 8 p.m., Oct. 15, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Oct. 16, 3 p.m. \$48 to \$110 per person. (510) 842-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.
Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 842-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

CALVIN SIMMONS THEATRE — "Ballet Folklorico de Jalisco," Oct. 21 and Oct. 22. A performance of dance from Mexico. Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon and 7 p.m. \$40 to \$45 for evening performances. \$30 general; \$15 children ages 12 and under for Saturday matinee. (510) 475-7388 or www.folkloricojale.com.
10 Tenth St., Oakland.

JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS — "So Delicious," Oct. 22 and Oct. 23. Contemporary dance performances by Neopolitan, The Human Toy, New Style Motherlode, Diamond Dance Company and Funkanometry SF. Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 p.m. \$20 to \$25. (925) 798-1300.
2640 College Ave., Berkeley. (510) 845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — Jaranon y Bochinche, Oct. 14, 8:30 p.m. An evening of traditional and contemporary Afro-Peruvian music and dance from Peru's coastal region. \$15 per person.
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"Domingo de Rumba," Oct. 16, 3:30 p.m. A community participatory event featuring Afro-Cuban folkloric drums, dances and songs of rumba. In the Caft Lobby. Free.
3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568 or www.lapena.org.

OAKLAND BALLET — PROGRAM 1 — Oct. 14 through Oct.

18. The Oakland Ballet opens its 40th season with performances of Eugene Loring's "Billy the Kid"; excerpts from Nijinska's "Les Noces" and "Les Biches"; "Ella," a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald choreographed by Donald McKayle with music by the Marcus Shelby Jazz Orchestra and vocals by Ledi; and Michael Lowe's "Double Happiness" with music by Melody of China. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$7 to \$54 per person. (866) 468-3399 or www.ticketweb.com.
Calvin Simmons Theatre, 10 Tenth St., Oakland. (510) 288-8914 or www.oaklandballet.org.

OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, GOLDEN GATE BRANCH — Diwali Celebration Dance Performance, Oct. 17, 8:30 p.m. Celebrate the Hindu Festival of Light with an Indian dance performance by dancer Purnima Jha and her students.
Free. Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 5606 San Pablo Ave., Oakland. (510) 597-5023 or www.oaklandlibrary.org.

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For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 548-1159 or www.shattuckdownlow.com.

STARRY PLOUGH PUB — "Ceili and Dance." Ongoing. Traditional Irish music and dance. The evening begins with dance lesson at 7 p.m. followed by music at 9 p.m. Mondays.

7 p.m. Free.
For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 841-2082 or www.starryploughpub.com.

OUTDOORS

BAY AREA RAIL TRAILS — Ongoing. A network of trails converted from used railway corridors.
LAFAYETTE/MORAGA TRAIL — ongoing. A 7.75-mile paved trail converted from the Sacramento Northern line. This 20-year old trail goes through Las Trampas Creek. Suitable for hikers and cyclists. Runs from Olympic Boulevard and Pleasant Hill Road to Lafayette to Moraga. (510) 635-0138.

OHLENE GREENWAY — ongoing. 3.75-mile paved trail converted from the Alhambra, Topeka and Santa Fe railway. Suitable for strollers and skaters. The trail runs under BART tracks from Condon and Klamath Streets in El Cerrito to Virginia Avenue in Berkeley. (510) 215-4382, (510) 528-5759 or (510) 842-6566.

SAN RAMON VALLEY IRON HORSE TRAIL — ongoing. The trail has been converted into a 26-mile path between Contra Costa and San Ramon with a link into Dublin. The trail runs from the end of Monument Boulevard off Highway 242 in Concord through Walnut Creek to just south of Village Green Park in San Ramon. It will eventually extend from Suisun Bay Pleasantland and has been nominated as a Community Millennium Trail under the U.S. Millennium Trails program.

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HERD CANYON TRAIL — ongoing. A 3-mile paved trail converted from the Sacramento Northern Railroad. The trail is gently sloping and generally suitable for walkers and joggers. The trail is located in Montclair Village. Behind McClellan's Department Store on Medea Place and ends at Robles Drive, Oakland. (510) 848-9275.

AREA RIDGE TRAIL — Ongoing. The Bay Area Ridge Trail, when completed, will be a 400-mile regional trail that will form a loop around the San Francisco Bay region, passing 75 public parks and open spaces to thousands of people and communities. Hikes on the trail are available through the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Call for meeting sites.

ING EVENTS — **MECA COUNTY** — "Lake Chabot and Ridge Rides." These rides are for beginners and intermediates to build skill, strength and endurance at a noncompetitive pace. No one will be dropped. Reservations required. Distance: 14 miles. Elevation gain: 200 feet. Difficulty: beginner to intermediate. Pace: moderate. Meeting place: Lake Chabot Road at the main entrance to the park. Thursday, 6:15 a.m. (510) 488-3582.

MECA-CONTRA COSTA COUNTY "Tilden and Wildcat Bike Rides." A group ride through Tilden and Wildcat Canyon regional parks. Reservations required. Distance: 15 miles. Elevation gain: 2,000 feet. Difficulty: moderate. Pace: fast. Meeting place: in front of the North Berkeley Station. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. (415) 848-9650.

(415) 561-2595 or www.rogertrail.org.
TRAILS COUNCIL OF THE EAST BAY — Ongoing. The Council sponsors trail work days, Youth Bike Adventure Rides, and Group Rides as well as Mountain Bike Basics classes for cover training and handling.

ING EVENTS — **Wednesday Ride at Lake Chabot** — ongoing. Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m. A 13- to 20-mile ride exploring trails around Lake Chabot, with a loop to 2,000 feet of climbing. Meet at 5:45 p.m. in the parking lot across from the public safety offices at Lake Chabot in Castro Valley. Reservations required. (510) 727-0613.

Wednesday "Outer East Bay" Ride — ongoing. Wednesdays, 5:30 a.m. Ride some of the outer East Bay each week, such as Wildcat Canyon, Blaine, Mount Diablo, and the Joaquin Miller-Redwood. Meeting place and ride location vary. Reservations required. (510) 888-3582.

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CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER — At Crab Cove, you can see live underwater creatures and go into the San Francisco Bay from land. You can also travel back in time to Alameda's part. The goal is to increase understanding of the environmental importance of San Francisco Bay and the ocean ecosystem. Crab Cove's Indoor Aquarium and Exhibit Lab is one of the largest indoor aquariums in the East Bay.

SPECIAL EVENTS — "Catch of the Day," Sept. 3 through Oct. 30. Different activities each day exploring the bay and its inhabitants. Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

"Sea Siblings," Sept. 6 through Oct. 18. An outdoor exploration and themerelated craft program for ages 3 to 5 and, optionally, a sibling or friend 1 to 5. Registration required. Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon. \$4. (510) 636-1684.

"Senior Sunday," Oct. 23, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Visit the classroom and explore the marine reserve, looking for clues to the past. Registration required. (510) 636-1684.

Free unless otherwise noted; parking fee may be charged. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. (510) 581-6887 or www.ebparks.org.

DUNSMUIR HOUSE AND GARDENS HISTORIC ESTATE — Ongoing. THE HOUSE IS CLOSED FOR THE WINTER — Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 50-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion.

ESTATE GROUNDS — ongoing. Self-Guided Grounds Tours are available year around. The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public for walking Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Booklets and maps of the grounds are available at the Dinkelspiel House. Free.

Dunsmuir House and Gardens, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. (510) 615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SHORELINE — Ongoing. This 1,200-acre park situated near Oakland International Airport offers picnic areas with barbecues and a boat launch ramp. Swimming is not allowed. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Grove, a group of trees surrounding a grassy glade, is at the intersection of Doolittle Drive and Swan Way. The area also includes the 50-acre Arrowhead Marsh (part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network) and a Roger Berry sculpture titled "Duplex Cone," which traces the summer and winter solstice paths of the sun through the sky.

Free. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Doolittle Drive and Swan Way, Oakland. (510) 562-PARK. Picnic reservations: (510) 636-1684 or www.ebayparks.org.

MILLER-KNOX REGIONAL SHORELINE — Ongoing. A 295-acre shoreline picnic area with a secluded cove and swimming beach, and a hilltop offering panoramic views of the north Bay Area.

Free. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., unless otherwise posted. 900 Dornan Dr., Richmond. (510) 562-PARK. Picnic Reservations: (510) 636-1684 or www.ebparks.org.

MOUNT DIABLO STATE PARK — The 3,849-foot summit of Mount Diablo offers great views of the Bay Area and an extensive trail system. Visitors to the park can hike, bike, ride on horseback and camp. Notable park attractions include: The Fire Interpretive Trail, Rock City, Boy Scout Rocks and Sentinel Rock, Fossil Ridge, Deer Flat, Mitchell Canyon Staging Area, Diablo Valley Overlook, the Summit Museum (open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), the Art Gallery, the Observation Deck and the Mitchell Canyon Interpretive Center.

SAVE MOUNT DIABLO HIKES — Ongoing. A series of hikes and events on and around Mount Diablo to raise public awareness, support and appreciation of open spaces in the area. Free unless otherwise noted. www.savemountdiablo.org.

Juniper and Summit Trails on Mt. Diablo," Oct. 15, 9 a.m. This hike to the summit offers great views of the Bay Area, Mt. Tamalpais, the Golden Gate Bridge, the Delta and the Sierra Nevada. Meet at MP 5. \$6 parking fee; \$5 seniors. (925) 820-3102.

"Tarantula Trek," Oct. 16, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Learn about the folklore and natural history of the largest North American spider and then take a short, 3- to 4-mile round-trip hike in search of Mt. Diablo's famous spider. For ages 11 and over. Reservations required. Meet at MP 12. \$3 parking fee. (925) 686-9393.

Free. \$6 per vehicle park-entrance fee. Daily, 8 a.m. to sunset. Mount Diablo Scenic Boulevard, from the Diablo Road exit off Interstate Highway 680, Danville. (925) 837-2525 or www.mdia.org or www.parks.ca.gov.

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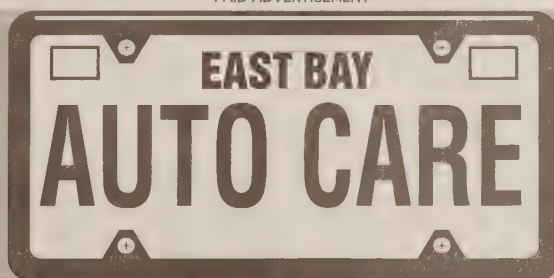
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ORLANDO BLOOM, above right, as Drew Baylor reconnects with his kooky family — played by Susan Sarandon as his mother and Judy Blume as his sister in "Elizabethtown." He also meets a perky Kirsten Dunst along the way, below.

Crowe's 'Elizabethtown' is all over the map

by Randy Myers
TIMES STAFF WRITER

"Elizabethtown" takes us on a winding road trip through director Cameron Crowe's psyche. As we relate to where it takes us, most often it seems like we're in a therapy session, listening to a script doctor. The film frustrates with its nature. It valiantly tries to tell about life, love and death, but continually lopes off in directions that go straight to hell. By the time it's over, the arguments expressed could easily be found on "Dr. Phil" in a Hallmark card.

Crowe, director of "Almost Famous," "Jerry Maguire" and "The Sky," paves the semi-autobiographical story with good intentions, as a disgraced Drew Baylor (a solid Orlando Bloom) comes from Oregon to Elizabethtown, Ken., when his dad dies unexpectedly.

Drew receives the news of his father's fatal heart attack while driving another loss, having been given the boot by his boss (a wonderful Alec Baldwin). Drew's footwear creation, "SpasmoGrip," has received glowing reviews and threatens to take the shoe empire.

The bad news piles on, as Drew's suicidal thoughts on the road set off on a life-changing journey that leads to encounters with chirpy, too-good-to-be-true stewardess Claire (Kirsten Dunst), a cast of artificially sweetened Southern exotics and a wild bunch of out-of-control shower partiers.

Normally, damaged-goods

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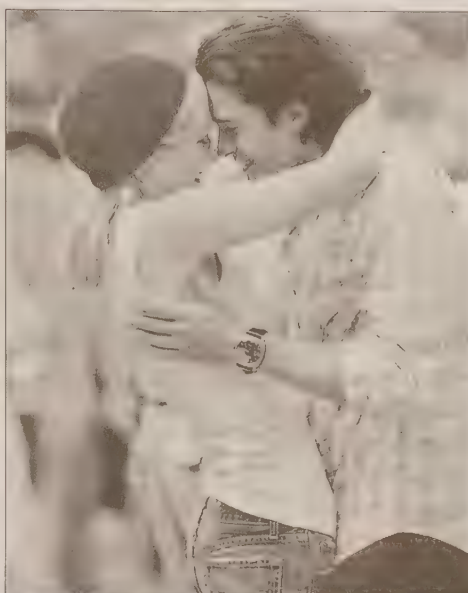
■ **WHAT:** "Elizabethtown"
■ **STARRING:** Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst, Susan Sarandon, Alec Baldwin
■ **RATING:** PG-13 (language, some sexual references)
■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 3 minutes
■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
■ **GRADE:** C-
■ **ONLINE:** See the movie trailer at ContraCostaTimes.com.

characters with marshmallow hearts are Crowe's specialty. Not so with most of the supporting characters in "Elizabethtown." Nearly every branch of the Baylor family tree comes across as a nut job.

That's especially true of the role played by Oscar-winner Susan Sarandon; the great actress embarrasses herself as Bloom's grieving mother. Crowe's script requires her to not only do a stand-up comedy act at her hubby's eulogy, but also perform a tap-dance. He wants us to think this is whimsical... instead, it's purely pathetic.

Other relations fare just as poorly. Bloom's rock 'n' roll loving cousin Jessie (Paul Schneider) comes across as a one-trick pony, created to show how he seemingly has failed as both a dad and a musician. He has an unbelievably horrible scene at the funeral. Most annoying is Jessie's wild-boy son Samson, who screams throughout, drives cars and vomits.

The film isn't a total fiasco.



The chemistry between Dunst and Bloom works, even when the script forces them to say stupid things. It's good to see Bloom away from Middle-earth, and he makes a fine and likable Everyman. Dunst does her best with an impossibly sunny character who pops up just to show Bloom's character the way.

The best scenes revolve around a raucous wedding shower at the hotel where Bloom

is staying. There's a priceless exchange when the drunken groom-to-be runs into Bloom snatching a beer from a tub. It's a funny bit that recalls the best of Crowe.

It's also a moment that seems genuine and real, unlike most of "Elizabethtown."

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NATIONAL BEST SELLERS

Fiction

1. "The Dark Tower," by Stephen King (Donald M. Grant/Scribner, \$35.) Volume 7 of "The Dark Tower," a series about time travel and a heroic quest.
2. "Incubus Dreams," by Laurell K. Hamilton (Berkley, \$23.95) Is a vampire serial killer preying on strippers?
3. "Trace," by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam, \$26.95) The inept man who replaced Dr. Kay Scarpetta as chief medical examiner of Virginia asks for her help in investigating the unexpected death of a 14-year-old girl.
4. "The Da Vinci Code," by Dan Brown (Doubleday, \$24.95) The murder of a curator at the Louvre leads to a trail of clues found in the works of Leonardo and to the discovery of a centuries-old secret society.
5. "Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell," by Susanna Clarke (Bloomsbury, \$27.95) A literary fantasy involving a Yorkshire magician and the Napoleonic Wars.
6. "The Plot Against America," by Philip Roth (Houghton Mifflin, \$26) The experiences of a Jewish family in Newark, N.J. after Charles A. Lindbergh defeats Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1940 presidential election.
7. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," by Mitch Albom (Hyperion, \$19.95) An old man who died while trying to rescue a little girl from danger discovers that all will be explained to him in the afterlife.
8. "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" by Sidney Sheldon (Morrow, \$25.95) Two women are caught in a web of mysterious deaths and disappearances that are linked to the world's largest think tank.
9. "Shopaholic & Sister," by Sophie Kinsella (Dial, \$23) The return of Becky Bloomwood, whose long-lost sibling hates shopping.
10. "Nights of Rain and Stars," by Maeve Binchy (Dutton, \$25.95) Life on a small Greek island is changed forever after tragedy strikes.

Nonfiction

1. "America," (The Book), by Jon Stewart, Ben Karlin and David Javerbaum (Warner, \$24.95.) "The Daily Show" offers a lavishly illustrated parody of a civics textbook.
2. "The Family," by Kitty Kelley (Doubleday, \$29.95.) The author of biographies of Frank Sinatra and Nancy Reagan tells "the real story of the Bush dynasty."
3. "Unfit for Command," by John E. O'Neill and Jerome R. Corsi (Regnery, \$27.95.) A negative appraisal of John Kerry's conduct in Vietnam.
4. "Between a Rock and a Hard Place," by Aron Ralston (Alta, \$26.) A mountaineer describes a nightmarish experience in Utah and the extreme measure he took in order to save his life.
5. "Chain of Command," by Seymour M. Hersh (HarperCollins, \$25.95.) From 9/11 to Abu Ghraib: The investigative reporter tracks President Bush's war on terror.
6. "Eat, Shoots & Leaves," by Lynne Truss (Gotham, \$17.50) An Englishman expounds on the use and misuses of punctuation marks.
7. "American Soldier," by Tommy Franks with Malcolm McConnell (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$27.95.) A memoir by the former head of the U.S. Central Command.
8. "Confessions of an Heiress," by Paris Hilton with Merle Ginsberg (Fireside/Simon & Schuster, \$22.) The celebrity jet-setter and star of "The Simple Life" tells what it's like to be young, rich and beautiful.
9. "Patriot Reign," by Michael Holley (Morrow, \$23.95) Behind the scenes with Bill Belichick and his New England Patriots coaching staff.
10. "My Life," by Bill Clinton (Knopf, \$35.) From Hope, Ark., to the White House: the autobiography of the 42nd president.

— New York Times

Addonizio

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"It was a weird place to grow up," she says. "There really wasn't any art or culture around me."

Tough for a girl majoring in classical voice and flute. After dropping out of a few colleges, including Georgetown University, and moving in with a guy, she eventually hitched a ride to the West Coast with a friend. Addonizio took a creative writing class her senior year at San Francisco State University and fell in love. She was 28 at the time and supporting her daughter, Aya, with jobs as a fry cook or book-keeper.

"I know what it's like having crummy jobs," says Addonizio, whose characters are usually working-class types.

Addonizio traded arias for a master's degree in creative writing at S.F. State. Fueled by espresso and Luna bars, she's been writing fiction just as long as poetry, she says, but with a lot less sense of what she was doing. She found fiction-writing a real challenge.

"As a poet, I knew how to write a good sentence," she says. "I knew about imagery and metaphor and poetic structure. In a novel, all of a sudden, I had to write more. I had to worry about texture and structure."

Novelist vs. poet

Addonizio wrote two pages a day. Along the way, she showed the manuscript to two trustworthy friends: novelist Jessica Barksdale Incline and poet Susan Browne, both published writing instructors at Diablo Valley College. They'd meet at Temescal

Cafe, talk out the characters, and Addonizio would return to her desk at home, where she spends most of her mornings writing. The desk is cluttered with totem things: a Buddha, a goddess. A cross or two.

"As much juju as possible," says Addonizio, grinning.

Despite her allegiance to poetry and respect for poets, writing a novel is something Addonizio has always wanted to do. When asked why, she hesitates, professes her love of fictional worlds, then asserts another possible reason: because a lot of people see novels as more legitimate.

"If I'm on a plane and tell someone I'm a novelist, that's one thing," she says. "But if I tell someone I'm a poet, it's like saying I'm a unicorn. They just don't get it. People think poetry is really difficult to understand, or they think it's so easy that anyone can do it."

After much discussion, we dubbed it PIF — Poetry Intimidation Factor.

It's ironic, Addonizio notes, that for most major occasions — weddings or funerals — people turn to poetry because it expresses best those deep feelings that are difficult to access.

In the end, Addonizio rationalizes it like this: "Lots of people like ballet or opera," she says with a shrug. "Not everyone needs it to live."

No matter how many novels she writes, she will always need poetry. Just like the old man on the porch needs the blues.

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EDITIONS

Theatre Center — "The Honor Picture Show," Oct. 24-26, 10 p.m. Open auditions for actors, actresses and three females, 18 and older. Prepare up-tempo style rock tune, with accompaniment provided. 1180 Aster Blvd., Sunnyvale. 408-985-1180. theatrecenter.biz.

Musica — Singers wanted to sing "The Cold Winter Away." For a Winter's Eve." Will be

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■ **Contra Costa Musical Theatre** — "Beauty and the Beast," Nov. 7, 8-10 p.m., and Nov. 9, 6-10 p.m., Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts,

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Festival

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Oct. 29: "Two by Four," featuring music for four hands at piano by Terry Riley, Katrina Milby, and others. Krinsky Barbara Higbie will play four-hand piano and violin piano duos, while Sarah and Joseph Kubera will play new four-hand pieces by — "Etude from the Old

Country," "Jaztime," and "Tango Doble Leado." The evening will culminate in an eight-handed version of one of Krinsky's pattern pieces. Time: 8 p.m. Cost: \$10.

■ **Oct. 30:** Pianist Jerry Kuderna plays music about night by Gabriel Fauré, Robert Helps and Elliott Carter, including Carter's masterpiece, "Night Fantasies." Time: 4 p.m. Cost: \$10.

■ **Oct. 30:** Political satire panel with local humorists Karen Ripley, Ed Holmes, Stoney Burke,

Selma Spector and more. Time: 8 p.m. Cost: \$5.

■ **Oct. 31:** To celebrate Halloween, a reading and book party for Morton Felix's first novel, "In Quest of Another's Suicide." Audience members are encouraged to wear costumes. Time: 7 p.m. Cost: Free.

In addition, the works of two Berkeley photographers will be exhibited at the Berkeley Arts Festival Gallery through Oct. 30: Deborah O'Grady's "The Soldier's

Dream," a montage of World War II photographs, and David Bacon's "Oil for Freedom — The Story of Iraq's Oil Workers and their Union." The exhibit can be viewed Wednesdays through Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

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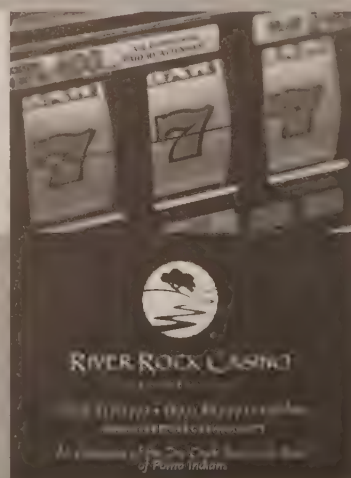
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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Readers vent spleen on media

MY PREVIOUS COLUMN, ripping KPIX's laughable morning newscast, drew a lot of e-mail from also-critical readers, most agreeing with me. Typical was a note from El Cerrito reader Erwin Won, who wrote: "I love your column. You are the only media writer that tells the truth. I loved your column on KPDX."

Granted, that's a bit self-serving. But Won is typical of a lot of readers ready to vent about local TV and radio. Won adds these observations: "KRON's production has gone to crap. Constant screw-ups. Wendy Tokuda's fill-in spots fit in just right now." (Obviously, Won's a fellow Tokuda "fan").

Won on KGO Radio droneologist Gene Burns: "Best Jekyll and Hyde in the business. He's a pompous, blowhard ass in the evenings and an urbane, cultured gentleman host on 'Dining Around with Gene Burns.'" (Erwin is 3-for-3 now).

Won on KNBR Radio's new morning team of Tim Liotta and Brian Murphy: "Least-entertaining morning show ever. They are worse than two guys talking in a bar and laughing at their own jokes. ... Unlistenable. Would you agree Bay Area morning radio is at an all time low?" (Yes, and yes).

Won adds this on yet another know-it-all KGO talk host: "Bill Wattenburg — World's most educated right-wing ogre." When referring to the reactionary Wattenburg, Erwin, I prefer the phrase "de-gree-wielding-know-it-all."

Oakland reader and A's fan Rich Lieberman also e-mails, asking this about KNBR's annoying new air "personality": "Why is KNBR so much in love with F.P. Santangelo? He's a Giant stooge; rarely does he offer any real insight other than uttering the word 'dude.' And besides, he first stood up for Barry Bonds, then, when it was apparent that Bonds was guiltier than sin, bailed on him faster than a speeding bullet."

Still, no one is a stouter defender of the boorish, drug-test-avoiding Bonds than KNBR's slumber-inducing Rick Barry. It seems that 50,000-watt sports-talker KNBR attracts as much passionate response as many sports teams. Oakland reader Kenn Fong thinks that KNBR's sister station, The Ticket (at 1050), should hire Gary Radnich's funny sparring partner. Fong writes: "Tony Bruno should be on 1050 in the morning instead of the simulcast. Maybe the reason why KNBR won't do it is because his numbers might be better than their tepid morning team."

Can't disagree, Kenn. L.A. sports-talk host Bruno's give-and-take with Radnich at 10:05 weekday mornings is easily the funniest and most entertaining 15 minutes on local radio. Bruno's funny morning-drive L.A. show should be carried here.

Finally, Alameda reader Jill Galvin is obviously getting into the holiday spirit (Halloween, that is) a bit early: "Any truth to the rumor that Terilyn Joe might be coming back to local TV?" she e-mails.

Jill, you're scaring me here. **MEDIA NOTES:** It was a shocker to hear that the talented Warren Thomas, an East Bay native who was only 48, was found dead recently in a hotel in New York City. Thomas was a regular on Alex Bennett's comedy San Francisco radio shows in the '80s and often headlined at local comedy clubs. He was hilarious. Bennett, who now does a satellite-radio show in New York, told me after hearing of Thomas' passing, "Warren was the best ad-libber I ever met." ... On a recent trip up north, I turned on a Red Bluff TV station and saw the future of Bay Area TV: Anchors who were both young (average age — about 26) and low-paid. And reporters who shot their own footage — usually with mediocre results. That's what KRON starts soon.

Bill Mann's column runs every other week. Reach him at Newsmann@sonic.net

Arts Fest has bevy of events

■ Ninth annual Berkeley celebration offers two weeks of live performances

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

Traditional jazz, avant-garde films and political satire are some of the offerings this month at the ninth annual Berkeley Arts Festival.

"The festival reaches a climax every October, but we have events throughout the year," said director Bonnie Hughes. "Last Inauguration Day, as Bush was being sworn in, we held a public reading at the downtown Berkeley BART Plaza of Langston Hughes' 'Let America Be America Again,' with its deathless line, 'Land that has never been yet, and yet must be.'"

In a city known for its street parties and fairs, including the Solano Stroll and the How Berkeley Can You Be? Parade, the Arts Festival has carved out an identity all its own.

"It celebrates the Berkeley that I know, a city of musicians, writers, actors, dancers, artists, filmmakers and poets," said Hughes. "We want people to be able to see them, which is why we're keeping the prices down to \$5 or \$10, with some events absolutely free."

All events are at the Berkeley Arts Festival Gallery, 2324 Shattuck Ave., except where otherwise noted. The lineup is constantly being updated.

Here's what's up for the rest of the month:

■ **Oct. 15:** "The Jazz House Revisited," featuring the Howard Wiley Trio. In true Jazz House form, saxophonist extraordinaire Wiley will lead a group of Bay Area youth all-stars, as well as performing with his own trio. Time: 8 p.m. Cost: \$10.

■ **Oct. 16:** "The Dick & Dubya Show," a Republican outreach cabaret starring longtime San Francisco Mime Troup members Ed Holmes and Amos Glick and directed by Billy Allard of Duck's Breath Mystery Theater. Holmes (Cheney) and Glick (Bush) will attempt to convert the blue state audience to red with song, dance and a Q&A session that will leave the listener with a new sense of political confusion. Time: 8 p.m. Cost: \$10 for Democrats and independents; card-carrying Republicans wrapped in the American flag will be admitted free.

■ **Oct. 19:** Two documentaries



"THE DICK & DUBYA SHOW," a Republican outreach cabaret starring Ed Holmes and Amos Glick, is scheduled for 8 p.m. Oct. 16.



SARAH CAHILL, pictured, and Joseph Kubera will perform new music by Terry Riley for four hands at one piano Oct. 29.

by local filmmakers. "Raising the Roof," produced and directed by Veronica Selver and Françoise Flamant, profiles the Seven Sisters

Construction Company, eight women who traded in their graduation caps and gowns for hard hats and overalls and worked together as carpenters during the heady atmosphere of the women's movement of the 1970s and 1980s.

"Democracy in the Workplace," a video by Margot Smith and Robert Purdy, is a study of three local worker-owned collectives — The Cheeseboard, Inkworks and Rainbow Grocery. Time: 8 p.m. Cost: \$5.

■ **Oct. 21:** "The Unsung Malvina." Judy Fjell & Nancy Schimmler sing newly found songs of the legendary Berkeley folksinger Malvina Reynolds, as well as her better-known songs, including "Little Boxes." Place: Redwood Gardens Co-op, 2951 Derby St. Time: 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$10-\$20, on a sliding scale.

■ **Oct. 22:** "Old Time Jazz Meets the Avant-Garde." The world premiere of a new work

by Berkeley composer John Schott, performed by Schott's trio, Dream Kitchen, along with four of Berkeley's most venerated musicians — Richard Hadlock (sax), Mal Sharpe (trombone), Ben Goldberg (clarinet) and Suzy Thompson (violin and vocals). In addition, the ensemble will play celebrated and obscure gems by Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong, Fats Waller and Duke Ellington. Time: 8 p.m. Cost: \$10.

■ **Oct. 23:** "New Voices from the Before Columbus Foundation." Readings from their latest works by playwright Wajahat Ali and poets Karia Brundage, Tennessee Reed, and Boadiba. Time: 4 p.m. Cost: Free.

■ **Oct. 25:** Selections from Arnie Passman's play, "Soul Control, Control of Soul," read by James King and Allen Taylor. Time: 8 p.m. Cost: \$5.

■ **Oct. 26:** Brownbag lunch concert by pianist Jerry Kuderna.

The audience is invited to lunches to the Berkeley Public Library to hear the orchestra perform and space great piano music from the Beethoven, Brahms and Liszt repertoire. Time: 12 p.m. Cost: Free.

■ **Oct. 26:** "The Detectors," a Norwegian literary expose of the World War II era. Time: 8 p.m. Cost: \$5.

■ **Oct. 27:** Reprise of "Dick & Dubya Show" p.m. Cost: \$10 for Democrats and independents, Rep. free.

■ **Oct. 28:** "La Peña Poetry to the Berkeley Festival/La Peña Poética a la Peña Poética." A bilingual poetry reading by nando Torres, Ivan Thelma Flores, Jose and Francisco Alarcon. p.m. Cost: Free.

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Poet conquers new literary territory

■ Oakland's Addonizio expands her title to include 'novelist' with her book 'Little Beauties'

By Jessica Yadegaran
STAFF WRITER

Kim Addonizio swears she was an old man in a past life. The type who passed the day on a porch, blowing the blues into a harmonica.

The Oakland poet is so serious about this connection, she took up the instrument six years ago. As we write, she's headed to a reading at a conference in Long Beach. After that, it's off to harmonica jam camp in San Diego.

Yes, harmonica camp. "Because I teach writing, it really helps me remember what it feels like to be a student of something and feel like I don't really know what I'm doing," says Addonizio, munching on salad at her neighborhood Temescal Cafe.

But Addonizio, 51, does know what she does, and does it quite well.

She is the author of several acclaimed poetry collections, including "What Is This Thing Called Love" and "Tell Me," which was a finalist for the National Book Award. The recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, Pushcart Prize and two National Endowment for the Arts grants, she writes poetry that is dark, racy and seductive. It draws you in like Sylvia Plath's. Here's a taste from "31-Year-Old Lover":

"When he takes off his clothes/I think of a stick of butter being unwrapped/The milky

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Kim Addonizio

lubricious smoothness of it when it's taken from the fridge still hard."

Is it getting steamy in here? Now, sitting in this bustling Telegraph Avenue cafe, Addonizio's raw grit has been replaced, at least temporarily, with the self-satisfied glow of a child who just won the candy lottery. After fiddling with fiction for more than 20 years, Addonizio has just published her first novel, "Little Beauties," a comedy that explores anxiety and relationships through three characters — Diana Rose McBride, a former beauty pageant child who suffers from obsessive compulsive disorder and clings to her job at a baby store; Jamie Ramirez, a pregnant teenager who plans to give the baby up for adoption; and Stella, the unborn child, who has other plans.

The three women find each other, rather randomly, and their lives are all the better for it.

Addonizio got the idea for the novel following a reading in Georgia several years ago.



KIM ADDONIZIO made waves with her poetry collections and has recently expanded her repertoire to include fiction writing.

The woman driving her back to her hotel had OCD. As she listened to the woman talk about her life, Addonizio became fascinated and knew she wanted to write about it.

"I wanted to explore how we deal with loss and overwhelming responsibilities that we think we can't handle and how we deal with the fact that life is so seemingly random, but we want to find some kind

of order and beauty in it," says Addonizio.

Late literary start

Although she has never had OCD, Addonizio's life very much informs her work. She began exploring relationships as early as age 12, in her diaries and journals. But she says she didn't get serious about writing until her late 20s.

"Doesn't everybody write in

their teens?" Addonizio wrote bad little high school poems. I never thought I'd be a writer."

Addonizio grew up in Bethesda, Md., in a small town, with four brothers. Her mother was tennis coach Pauline Betz, and her father was a sports writer for the Washington Post.

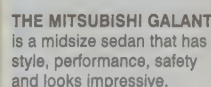
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Section D

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

the driving over my usual rough, windy roads and pushing the Galant through tight turns, I made mental comparisons to some more expensive luxury cars I've seen over the same roads and quickly to the conclusion that dollar-for-dollar the Galant is a darn good buy. It handles well, takes the bumps with ease and its interior is reasonably quiet.



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KEANE ON WHEELS

The Galant includes the usual: air conditioning and rear heater ducts, cruise

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Suggested Retail\$22,990
Price As Tested\$23,594
Engine TypeV6 SOHC 24-valve w/MPFI
Horsepower230 @ 5,250 rpm
Torque250 @ 4,000 rpm
TransmissionFour-speed automatic w/Sportronic
Wheelbase108 inches
Height58 inches
Curb Weight3,583 pounds
Fuel Capacity17 gallons
MileageCity/highway 19/27

The interior atmosphere is pleasant and all the controls are user-friendly. At

night, the instruments are illuminated with ice-blue LED lamps. Climate and audio controls are located on the central dash. The eight-speaker AM/FM radio not only has a CD, but includes an insert for an MP3 player.

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1955 Volkswagen is a perfect time machine

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

In the early 1960s, Rod Kahn was a southern California high school student with a friend who had a 1955 Volkswagen. All of their good time high school adventures in the car are probably best left to the imagination, but Kahn never forgot them or the car.

Almost four decades later, Kahn, now in Houston, Texas, began a half-hearted search for a 1955 Volkswagen, but what were the chances of finding one?

He got lucky in 2000 and purchased a 1955 VW Beetle that he admits, "was in pretty poor condition." Five years later he says, "I think it's the world's most expensive Volkswagen."

All four of the original fenders were salvaged during the two-year restoration project. The typical rust-prone areas on Beetles were rusty, cut out and replaced with healthy new steel.

The 1.2-liter, air-cooled four-cylinder engine underwent an overhaul and, after it was rebuilt, Kahn made certain the oil screen at the bottom of the engine was in place in lieu of an oil filter like that on most other automobiles. The four-speed manual transmission was in good condition with access to the reverse gear necessitating pushing the shift lever down and then back.

Before repainting, the rubber covering on the running boards was replaced. Volkswagens a couple of years older than Kahn's had the same oval rear window, only split by a vertical divider. Beetles a couple of years newer than Kahn's fea-

CLASSIC CLASSICS

tured a larger, more rectangular rear window. The bigger window resulted in the cooling louvers between the window and the engine hood being reduced in size.

Beneath the manually-operated canvas sunroof, Kahn comfortably settles into the reupholstered driver's bucket seat covered in black vinyl with white piping. He grips the two-spoke steering wheel that has a stylized emblem of the city of Wolfsburg at the hub of the horn button. Wolfsburg is the city in Germany nearby the Volkswagen factory.

Between the front bucket seats, which Kahn has equipped with lap belts, is the emergency handbrake and two levers that control the heat and defrost operations. There are four heater outlets, two beneath the rear seat and two on either side of the car near the forward edge of the door. The defrost vents, at the lower corners of the windshield, receive any leftover heat not expended at the four heater vents.

Tired of the slow starting, Kahn converted the electrical system from six- to 12-volt. He left the location of the battery under the right side of the rear seat.

Other convenient features on the VW include, at the bottom of the dashboard, an ashtray. Above that is a radio and a non-correction turn signal lever by the steering wheel. The turn signal switch activates the illuminated semaphore arms which pop out from the "B" pillars.



"I THINK IT'S THE WORLD'S most expensive Volkswagen," says Rob Kahn regarding his 1955 Volkswagen Beetle.

The one-piece flat windshield is kept clean by the pair of electrically-operated wipers. "Those little fellas don't do much," Kahn said, no matter how hard they try.

He has made a couple of alterations to the interior, including the installation of a black carpet instead of the original black rubber floor covering. Additionally, he has replaced the roller that originally

served as an accelerator with a standard pedal.

Above and to the right of the accelerator is an L-shaped lever that when turned activates the reserve one-gallon fuel tank. Presumably, the reserve gave a cushion of about 30 miles to find a gas station. The reserve tank was very useful on a car with no gas gauge.

Illumination was not a strong suit

of the early VW Beetles. The oval taillights were small and positioned low on the fenders as well.

Since the restoration was completed three years ago, Kahn has driven his Volkswagen 5,000 miles.

"If you don't have to compete for space on the highways it's OK," Kahn says. "It's tremendously underpowered and underpowered." It may not be ideal for the wide open

spaces of Texas, but it is a perfect time machine to take to those high school days in California.

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Blower motors fail when the module fails

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Cadillac DeVille. In hot weather the blower motor will come on by itself and kill the battery. Do you have any idea what's causing the blower motor to come on? — Tom

Dear Tom: The air conditioning/heater blower motor in your car has a built-in module. When the module fails, it can cause either no blower motor or the motor to turn on by itself. A new blower motor is available from any GM dealer. To install the motor, the engine sub frame has to be dropped down to remove the blower motor.

Dear Doctor: I recently read an article on adding acetone to gasoline for power, mileage and performance. Have you ever heard of this? — Harry

AUTO DOCTOR

Dear Harry: There are Web sites where people chat about adding chemicals to the gasoline. Yes, I have heard of adding very small amounts of acetone to the gasoline and I strongly advise against the use of any non-automotive approved chemical with gasoline. There are many fuel octane boosters available from local performance shops. Keep in mind not all these products are oxygen- and catalytic converter sensor safe.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1990 Mercury Cougar LS. The turn signal flasher is intermittent. As the temperature rises the flasher stops working. I looked in the repair manuals for the location. I consider myself a

weekend mechanic. — Sal

Dear Sal: Alldata pinpoints the flasher to the right of the steering column mounted on the small metal shelf under the dash. Flashers do wear out.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2003 Buick LaSalle, which is a wonderful car. Is it necessary to replace the fuel filter every 15,000 miles? There is no mention of this in the owner's manual. — Anthony

Dear Anthony: Some manuals do not contain all needed information. Vehicle manufacturers have come up with mileage service intervals with recommended part replacement and service inspections. Some vehicles have a single rail fuel system with the fuel filter located in the fuel tank. Other vehicles have a dual rail fuel system that allow a lot more fuel to flow through the filter.

The unused fuel goes back into the fuel tank. Vehicles that have an external fuel filter should be changed every two years on average. Vehicles that have a fuel filter in the fuel tank, such as a lot of new imports and Chrysler vehicles, have a 100,000-mile replacement interval.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Toyota Camry and the "check engine" light has come on. My local shop said to take the car to the dealer. The Toyota dealer said a sensor needed to be replaced at a cost of \$500. They also said this sensor must be replaced or damage could result. Why can't my local service station repair the car? I know it would cost less. What kind of sensor can cost \$500? — Gloria

Dear Gloria: Today's fuel-injected vehicles have a lot of sensors and electronics. It doesn't take long to

get to a \$500 bill for car repairs. To properly repair today's vehicles, the technician needs very important information on how each system works. A proper scan tool is also needed to retrieve trouble fault codes. Check the Alldata Web site for a shop in your area or check with your local AAA office for an AAA-approved auto repair shop.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2003 Buick Century with manual climate control with two zones. Sometimes it seems like the a/c is warmer on the driver's side than the passenger side. The dealer said the system is working normally, and to leave the a/c setting on maximum. I do not think this is a good idea. Any suggestions? — John

Dear John: Most a/c systems will blow out of the vents 30 degrees cooler than the outside air temperature. Some systems will blow even colder. The a/c compressor does cycle on and off, even in the dead of winter when the defroster is on. The

dealer will have to check the system with gauges hooked up to the compressor and a non-compressor to check the actual pressure coming out of the

Dear Doctor: I have been a user of one brand of car air fresheners for nine years. Recently, I bought another major brand of air freshener. I use 93 octane gasoline because my car sits for periods. Is there any difference in major brand air fresheners? I am right by buying 93 octane gasoline. — Marcus

Dear Marcus: I use all my vehicles that require air fresheners. In everything else, our small boat, I use regular air fresheners. I use regular air fresheners because my car sits for periods. Is there any difference in major brand air fresheners? I am right by buying 93 octane gasoline. — Marcus

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MN 55044

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ALAMEDA

3242 Central Av - \$680,000
3321 Central Av - \$750,000
2047 Eagle Av - \$730,000
2051 Eagle Av - \$645,000
757 Eagle Av - \$455,000
1821 Encinal Av - \$690,000
2620 Encinal Av - \$740,000
51 Garden Rd - \$505,000
453 Haight Av - \$675,000
2169 H. B. Pky 104 - \$765,000
308 Hollister Av - \$813,000
310 Hollister Av - \$729,500
318 Hollister Av - \$823,500
320 Hollister Av - \$763,500
164 Inverness Wy - \$594,000
39 Lawrence Rd - \$1,000,000
3017 Marina Dr - \$1,265,000
167 Orr Rd - \$720,000
2604 Otis Dr - \$658,000
1104 Peach St - \$640,000
167 Sweet Rd - \$1,035,000
16 Vista Rd - \$915,000
1321 Webster D102 - \$400,000

ALBANY

555 Pierce St 1002 - \$415,000
555 Pierce St 1025 - \$358,000
535 Pierce St 5113 - \$425,000
555 Pierce St 620 - \$420,000

BERKELEY

2779 Acton St - \$729,000
1413 Alcatraz Av - \$800,000
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10 Arden Rd - \$1,755,000
1712 Berkeley Wy - \$880,000
22 Bridge Rd - \$926,500
3064 Buena Vista - \$1,010,000
2138 Byron St - \$555,000
857 Cedar St - \$510,000
1505 Cornell Av - \$677,000
1049 Cragmont Av - \$877,000
3110 Ellis St - \$690,000
94 Fairlawn Dr - \$893,000
1534 Julia St - \$774,000
2419 Mcgee Av - \$650,000
1785 Oxford St - \$440,000
2800 Shasta Rd - \$565,000
2632 Warring 4 - \$480,000

EL CERRITO

558 Clayton - \$683,000
2631 Tuiler - \$630,000

EL SOBRANTE

4988 Hilltop Dr - \$650,000
5311 Ridgeview B6 - \$275,000
5313 Ridgeview Cr - \$320,000

EMERYVILLE

1238 54th St - \$590,000
2 Anchor Dr F394 - \$355,000
6 Captain Dr 340E - \$320,000
6363 Christie 1505 - \$449,000
131 City Limits Cr - \$616,000
133 City Limits Cr - \$594,000
41 Emery Bay Dr - \$385,000

OAKLAND

1750 101st Av - \$460,000
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943 26th St - \$345,000
371 30th St 205 - \$380,000
1556 35th Av - \$545,000
2900 35th Av - \$750,000
1501 37th Av A5 - \$460,000
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3826 39th Av A - \$403,000
929 40th St - \$685,000
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730 59th St - \$665,000
2500 64th Av - \$428,000
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3577 64th Av - \$500,000
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1647 6th Av - \$610,000
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9941 B St - \$518,000
6610 Bancroft Av - \$550,000
2733 Bancroft St - \$510,000
2701 Best Av - \$560,000
5262 Boyd Av - \$650,000
2025 Braemar - \$1,050,000
1865 Brentwood - \$950,000
644 Brooklyn Av - \$496,000
320 Caldecott 107 - \$410,000

1516 Campbell St - \$525,000
301 Capricorn Av - \$816,000
36 Cary Ct - \$390,000
7442 Circle Hill Dr - \$530,000
7615 Circle Hill Dr - \$620,000
132 City Limits Cr - \$571,500
129 Colgett Dr - \$865,000
12 Conrad Ct - \$827,000
1136 East 33rd St - \$630,000
2550 El Caminito - \$723,000
844 Erie St - \$1,050,000
7060 Exeter Dr - \$954,000
2653 Fisher Av - \$518,000
801 Franklin 1119 - \$270,000
801 Franklin 1222 - \$475,000
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8530 G St - \$235,000
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5085 Kearney Av - \$690,000
2250 Lakeshore 3 - \$545,000
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719 Longridge Dr - \$1,100,000
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2619 MLK Jr Wy - \$479,000
245 Montecito 102 - \$350,000
22 Moss Av 111 - \$490,000
10 Moss Av 26 - \$275,000
8795 Mountain 1 - \$340,000
2911 Nicol Av - \$690,000
3115 Nicol Av - \$495,000
3318 Nicol Av - \$480,000
750 Oakland 206 - \$380,000
4641 Park - \$730,000
3616 Penniman - \$595,000
10444 Pippin St - \$400,000
3535 Randolph Av - \$400,000
4676 Reinhardt Dr - \$750,000
2445 Renwick St - \$560,000
437 Rich St - \$557,000
3415 Rubin Dr - \$735,000
8245 Skyline Cr - \$985,000
6689 Sobrante - \$1,205,000
10551 Stella St - \$530,000
3344 Suter St - \$700,000
2407 Telegraph 304 - \$417,000
9030 Thermal St - \$431,000
245 Tunis Rd - \$420,000
330 Vernon Pl - \$450,000
4457 View Pl - \$735,000
1615 Vista St - \$584,500
9219 Walnut St - \$464,000
2219 Warner Av - \$650,000
481 Wesley Av - \$492,000
3824 Woodruff Av - \$661,000

PIEDMONT

84 Cambrian - \$2,475,000
8 Cavendish - \$750,000
122 Olive Av - \$570,000

RICHMOND

140 18th St - \$410,000
542 26th St - \$517,000
1200 29th St - \$455,000
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505 Bridge View - \$907,500
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2020 Carlson Bl - \$450,000
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1330 Dunn Av - \$405,000
3033 Florida Av - \$450,000
5201 Garvin Av - \$505,000
1726 Gaynor Av - \$412,000
339 Gertrude Av - \$275,000
1402 Lilly Ct - \$610,000
1004 Lupine Ct - \$674,000
166 Marina Lakes - \$548,000
55 Marina Lakes - \$375,500
691 McLaughlin St - \$495,000
465 Metro Wk Way - \$505,000
6039 Park Av - \$727,000
3314 Park Ridge - \$950,000
3523 Park Ridge - \$910,000
3433 Rheem Av - \$480,000
724 Rock Rose Wy - \$707,000
328 South 17th St - \$360,000
370 South 24th St - \$380,000
317 South 27th St - \$380,000
227 South 47th St - \$520,000
271 South 47th St - \$535,000
532 Sweetwood - \$600,000
3430 Tulare Av - \$480,000
4706 Upland Dr - \$448,000
316 Verde Av - \$307,500

SAN LEANDRO

125 Accolade - \$640,000
15672 Anchorage - \$820,000
2219 Aquatic Ct - \$765,000
1400 Bancroft Av - \$585,000
1724 Balding St - \$699,000
16058 Berkshire - \$625,000
16172 Carolyn St - \$525,000
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110 Castro St - \$410,000
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790 Joaquin Av - \$680,000
14693 Juniper St - \$585,000
1748 Lawndale Av - \$510,000
641 Majestic 36 - \$375,000
670 Maud Av - \$560,000
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611 Oakes Bl - \$663,000
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2029 Trombas Av - \$684,000
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760 Victoria Av - \$480,000
3895 Yorkshire St - \$405,500

SAN LORENZO

2003 Bandoni Av - \$616,000
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1289 Via El Monte - \$690,000
45 Via Morella - \$600,000
15861 Via Paro - \$505,000
17433 Via Susana - \$545,000
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By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 23
LOWEST PRICE: \$400,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,265,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$729,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$738,761

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$358,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$425,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$420,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$404,500

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 18
LOWEST PRICE: \$440,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,755,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$774,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$779,806

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$630,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$683,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$656,500

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$275,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$820,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$320,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$446,667

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 7
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Subaru steps up in size with B9 Tribeca

BY DAN LYONS
MOTOR MATTERS

GET OFF THE ROAD

Consider the sport utility vehicle from Subaru's perspective. As a maker of mostly small wagons with all-wheel drive, the SUV segment caught the 1990s. Subaru watched other automakers raced past, bigger and even bigger. Recently, the market for large utilities has gone soft, and conservative manufacturers are run back in Subaru's direction, making smaller SUVs and now hybrids. Since everyone's going smaller, Subaru has made an interesting move — they've gotten bigger. At least one model is: the Tribeca for the lineup, called Tribeca.

Step-up in size makes even if it seems contrary to trends. First of all, the major Subaru models remain wagons. So, the current size for hybrids and SUVs is where it has been all the time. Where it never been before, though, bigger. Not big as in "block out" big, but big as in third-row and ample towing capacity. Most size up is where a lot of buyers are and Subaru hasn't model to compete in that — until now.

Tribeca's looks, especially the new, have inspired a lot of design in the motoring press. I'd call it more interesting than. But in any event, it gives a distinctive personality, in admittedly a look-alike segment of the industry.

Controversial is the inside. Tribeca's interior is modern, and functional. The front cabin is a Y-shaped design. The steering leads to a curving, upswept stack. From there, aluminum trim arches left and right, blurring the dashboard. Atop midline is a 7-inch display screen, and the touch screen navigation system, on models so equipped. The system and climate controls are easy to reach and simple to use.

Tribeca is offered in five- and six-passenger versions, with two trims — standard and Limited. It comfortably fits rows one and two. There are 8 inches of legroom in the second row seats to lie or sit, and the seatbacks. The third row is suitable for kids. With a full comple-

ment of people on board in seven-passenger models, there's not a lot of room left for storage (8.3 cubic feet). However, all seats split and fold for floor plan flexibility. Cargo capacity increases to a whopping 37.6 cubic feet if you're only using two rows of seats, and to 74.4 cubic feet with rows two and three folded. The cargo area is very accessible, with a low liftover height in back and tie-downs sprinkled about to secure your gear.

The 3.0-liter motor moves the Tribeca efficiently around town or on the highway. The Boxer style, six-cylinder engine makes 250 horsepower and moves briskly from a standing start. The five-speed transmission likes to downshift on mild grades, and any situation that requires you to put the pedal to the metal (like passing or on-ramp merges) provokes a loud growl from the motor. Gas mileage reflects the size and weight of Tribeca compared to its smaller, Subaru line mates. EPA mileage rating is 18 city and 23 highway, and my one week road test netted 19 mpg in a mix of city and highway travel. The Tribeca can be outfitted to pull a maximum of 3,500 pounds.

Tribeca isn't a hard core off-road vehicle. But it has decent clearance beneath (8.4-inch ground clearance, and angles of approach/breakover/departure of 18/21.1/18.5 degrees, respectively). That and Subaru's full-time, all-wheel drive system make it very well suited for light off-road duty. On or off road, Tribeca exhibits good road manners and stable handling. A full complement of electronics ride with you (Variable Torque Distribution, Vehicle Dynamics Control, Traction Control System, Anti-lock Brakes and Electric Brake-force Distribution), to keep the Tribeca on the straight and narrow, regardless of road conditions.

Tribeca prices start at \$30,695, and a fully-loaded, seven-passenger Limited like my tester checks in at nearly 40 grand (\$39,538). That's a long way from the average price of the average Subaru, and it pushes Tribeca into a class of high-class competition. And that's the point. Subaru now has a bigger SUV to offer in a popular market segment.



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TRIBECA'S LOOKS, especially the front view, gives Subaru a distinctive personality. Tribeca's interior is modern, stylish and functional.

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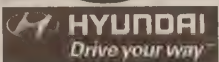
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Women have made dramatic inroads in automotive world

BY MICHELLE KREBS

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We've come a long way baby... at we've got a long way to go. That was the conclusion I came away with after attending a recent auto industry event. The auto industry, to celebrate the 100 leading women in the auto industry.

The trade journal held a similar celebration five years ago. I had participated by interviewing some of the 100 women and writing their bios. This year, I was an observer, and observe I did. Here are some of my observations:

The list of candidates from which to choose the top 100 was significantly longer than five years ago, and the journal's editors told me. And selecting just the top 100 was more difficult. Hopefully, that means significantly more women have made dramatic progress in the past five years. (The cynic might say companies have merely gotten sharper about nominating women and getting PR mileage out of having one of their female employees named to the list.)

There is evidence, however, that progress has been made. For years, seven of the 100 women were CEOs, one chairman, 13 presidents, 10 vice presidents, and one assistant manager.

Five years ago, many of the women named to the top 100 came from human resources, public relations, marketing, advertising, finance and other important functions, but considered the "soft side" of the business, not the hardware side. Few named to the list were involved with engineering, engineering and manu-

SHE'S FREEWHEELING

facturing new models, much less having any say in what vehicles would be designed, engineered and manufactured. Automotive News admits it looked harder to find them, but there are more as I encounter them daily.

This round, 40 of the 100 were designers, product engineers and manufacturing engineers.

To name only a few, Ford's Barb Samardzich headed engineering of the hot Mustang, while her colleague, Mary Ann Wright, shepherded through Ford's hybrid Escape and Mercury Mariner. GM's Lori Queen led the team that brought us the knockout Pontiac Solstice, the Chevrolet Cobalt and HHR.

Women are in charge of some of the most critical plants in North America: Cathy Clegg runs GM Fort Wayne, Ind., plant that will turn out the all-important new full-size trucks, Amy Farmer runs GM's Lansing plant that makes the Cadillac CT5, SRX and XLR, and Anne Stevens has run numerous Ford plants and now heads Canada, Mexico and South America operations.

Too few women are involved in design, which, curiously to me, has been least welcoming to women, unless they are in the color and trim studios. (I only recently heard of a Japanese automaker refusing to hire the hottest designer for a major transportation design school because she was a woman). Still, those in the field are playing important roles. Nissan's Diane Allen is working on the next-generation Z car. GM's Liz Wetzel had her hand in a number of important

creations and was recently promoted to a lofty design post. I expect she'll head all of GM design some day.

The faces of the top 100 represented a good mix of ethnic backgrounds — Caucasian, Asian and African-American — and a wide range of ages, which suggests some mentoring by women of women.

I congratulated Toyota's chief Jim Press on a good showing from his company, which hasn't had many women in the past. In fact, Toyota's Cheryl Jones talked about making her mark in the industry: she was among the first women to ever work the line at a Toyota plant in Japan, where they are trained for Toyota's North American plants. There were no restrooms for women. That changed, she quipped. "I brought toilets to Toyota."

This event also drew a large number of men — husbands, bosses, top corporate executives — to support the women. They cheered raucously at some tables when their female colleague/employee/relative was called to the stage to accept her trophy. It was heartening.

Many of the women who spoke said they hoped that some day events like this would seem "quaint," as honoree Sue Cischke of Ford put it, as to become commonplace.

I hope that will be the case, too. But we're not there yet. A Chrysler exec told the story of one of her rising young stars walking into a meeting — and she was the only woman, a feeling that as a rare female automotive journalist I know well. The U.S. auto industry still lags behind the Fortune 500 companies in terms of putting women in top management positions and on corporate boards.

notes Automotive News — and the U.S. leads the world. Few if any women hold top jobs in Europe, specifically Germany, nor in Japan and Korea. Kudos to the hometown teams, of GM, Ford and Chrysler, which have substantial numbers of top-ranked women.

Considering that women buy half the cars and influence the decisions on at least 80 percent of car purchases, according to J.D. Power and Associates, we've still got a long way to go.

What they do

Here's how the fields of expertise break down for Automotive News' list of 100 leading women in the auto industry:

- Manufacturing: 22
- Engineering: 13
- Marketing: 11
- Information technology: 10
- Finance: 7
- Retail: 7
- Purchasing: 6
- Design: 5
- Sales: 5
- Human resources: 4
- Other: 10

Still lagging

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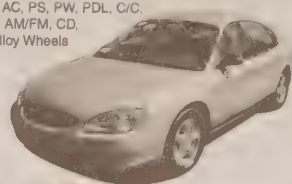
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BY KEITH REED
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Call Kenneth Weiss the ultimate car enthusiast.

When Weiss, a 63-year-old venture capitalist from Gloucester, Mass., first read in 1999 about DaimlerChrysler's plans for an ultra-luxury sedan called the Maybach, he decided he must have one.

Four years before the first Maybach assembly line was cranked up, Weiss plunked down a \$5,000 deposit, then another \$45,000 in 2002, to become the first member of a very exclusive fraternity of car owners. Only 310 people in the United States have bought a Maybach — a car that costs more than \$300,000.

The process of buying a top-of-the-line luxury car like a Maybach, Rolls-Royce, or Bentley is as much an exercise in being pampered as any adult with about \$10 million — the average amount of liquid assets for car owners in the category — could have.

Because of their wealth and sta-

tus — most super high-end car buyers are athletes, entertainers, or self-made entrepreneurs — buyers of such cars are used to having things their way without having to haggle.

That means the sales and customer service tactics common for mass-market car dealers won't work with them. It's all about offering customer service and catering to clients' whims. In Weiss's case, he wanted, among other features, a glass roof, and reclining leather rear seats with massagers.

"When one of these customers is set on buying a car, you don't have to convince them. What you need to do then is make it convenient for them," said Karen Matri, Maybach's director of marketing.

Maybach, Rolls Royce, and Bentley all set up so-called commissioning studios at their dealerships where clients can sit, have a drink, and discuss details of their cars, down to the color and kind of leather and wood used on the interior.

Figuring out how to reach cus-

tomers is one of the toughest challenges these companies have. Many of the people who can afford such an expensive purchase often have troupes of assistants or entourage that make them hard to contact directly.

To get around that, Maybach works with hotels, fractional-jet companies, and other luxury marketers to show off its wares to wealthy prospects. In August, Maybach auctioned off its new sports sedan, the 57S, for \$500,000, at the Pebble Beach golf course.

Earlier this year the carmaker worked with Marquis Jet Partners, the private jet-membership company, to sponsor an event at Hanscom Field that showcased Maybach sedans and planes available through the Marquis membership program.

But the quirks of rich American consumers have also proved problematic for luxury car companies, said Robert Ross, automotive editor of Robb Report, the de facto guide to all things ex-

travagant in the United States.

Carmakers such as Maybach, Rolls-Royce, and Bentley pride themselves on customization, but many Americans don't have the patience for it, he said. (In Europe, where those carmakers based, consumers are willing to wait for their cars to be built.)

But producing such a customized car takes at least three to four months, Ross said, and Americans are used to picking a car off the lot and driving off in it. "That's the pleasure of having a car commissioned, you get to sit there and think about it and it makes it better when the thing arrives," Ross said. "You're not going to be first if your car has to be made from scratch."

For Weiss, it was worth the wait. And because he had connections with executives at Mercedes-Benz, the unit in charge of Maybach production at DaimlerChrysler, he knew he could be the first in the country to have one.

After spending years waiting for

his Maybach, he decided that many of the options he ordered should probably have come standard.

He wrote a letter to Maybach executives in Germany, which yielded a meeting with a team of engineers and marketers at his home shortly after his car arrived in late 2003.

The company decided he was right, and as a reward, "They invited me to Germany, and they gave me some very desirable conditions to trade up to see some of the changes."

Such invitations are not uncommon for ultra-luxury car owners. The company now makes some of Weiss's options standard in Maybachs, including a radar braking system and a set of silver wine goblets that fit the center console.

Weiss also traded in his 2004

Maybach for a 2005 Maybach 20-foot-long car that comes with a refrigerated wine cooler, a 21-speaker surround-sound system, a DVD player, TV monitors in the back seats, and two cameras, one of which doubles as a night-vision system for the car's control for the entertainment system. The price: \$377,750.

For that price, he also got a personal technician he can call for maintenance. And Maybach continues to spoil Weiss. Last week he spent a weekend at New Mandarin Oriental hotel, in a private viewing of The Great Art exhibit in Central Park.

"It's good that they do like that to make you feel like you're part of something big," he said.



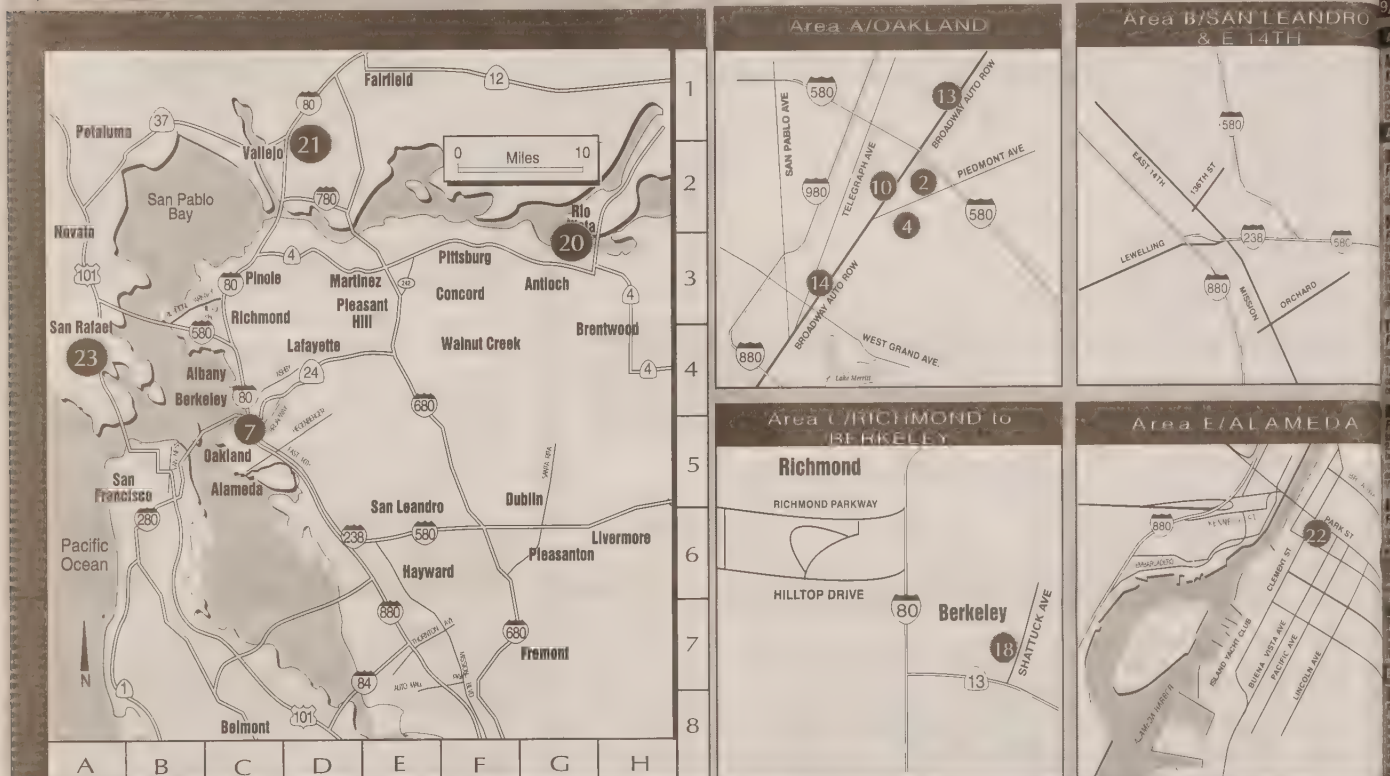
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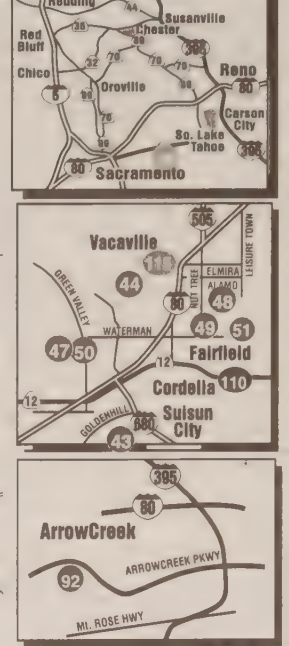
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New SUVs from Toyota and Audi

BY G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS NEWS

Two SUVs destined for the U.S. market were unveiled recently at the Frankfurt Motor Show in Germany — one an entry-level compact and the other a premium midsize.

They are the redesigned 2006 Toyota RAV4, which goes on sale later this year in North America, and the all-new 2007 Audi Q7, which will arrive in dealerships in June. A gasoline-electric hybrid version of the Q7 will appear in 2008.

The Q7, Audi's first SUV, is built on the same vehicle platform responsible for the Volkswagen Touareg and Porsche Cayenne.

As for the RAV4, the mini-SUV originally introduced in 1997 enters its third generation, bigger and more powerful than ever.

The second generation, introduced for 2001, already was considerably bigger than the first. But this new one is so roomy that Toyota will be able to offer a third row of seating for those who want the versatility of a seven-passenger compact SUV.

In an announcement from the Frankfurt unveiling, Toyota incorrectly claimed that the third seat in the RAV4 would be "a first in the small SUV segment." Suzuki introduced the three-seat Grand Vitara XL-7 five years ago, and that vehicle until now has been the only one in the class with the RAV4 and Honda CR-V to offer seven-passenger seating.

We probably can't even credit Toyota with starting the mini-SUV segment, since the Subaru Outback wagon came first. The success of the Outback probably spurred Toy-

ota to create the RAV4, which was a similar concept — a car-based SUV that is more car-like than the truck-based pure SUVs that became popular in the early '90s, beginning with the Ford Explorer.

Honda answered Toyota with the similarly sized and priced CR-V, but since their original introductions, both the RAV4 and CR-V have grown out of their original "mini" class into compacts, competing against such vehicles as the Ford Escape/Mazda Tribute, Mitsubishi Outlander, Grand Vitara/XL-7, Saturn VUE, Chevrolet Equinox, Jeep Liberty and Hyundai Santa Fe.

The model shown at the Frankfurt show was the European version; Toyota says the North American model will be slightly longer, but will otherwise be nearly identical.

The company said the new model "rides on an all-new platform that is significantly longer and wider, inside and out, with a roomier and more convenient passenger compartment than the previous generation."

The 2006 model will be 14 inches longer than the current RAV4, and presumably that extra length is what will allow for installation of the third seat.

With both the middle and third seats set up with split-folding backs, the interior of the vehicle can be configured to carry either people or cargo, or a combination. With the third seat in place, however, cargo space behind that seat will be minimal.

The base engine will be an upgraded version of the 2.4-liter four-cylinder that now powers all 2005 RAV4 models. Horsepower will in-

crease to 166 from the current 161. The engine will be connected to a four-speed automatic transmission.

For the first time, though, Toyota will offer a V6 engine in the RAV4. It will be an all-new 3.5-liter with dual variable valve timing with intelligence, turning out an impressive 268 horsepower — more than the V6 engines in some larger SUVs, Toyota says. This engine gets a five-speed automatic gearbox. All-wheel drive will be optional.

As with all Toyota SUVs, the company says, the new RAV4 will have the so-called Toyota Star Safety System. It consists of an electronic stability system, traction control, antilock brakes with electronic brake force distribution, and brake assist. Optional will be driver and front-passenger seat-mounted side air bags, as well as side-curtain air bags for front- and second-seat occupants.

The vehicle's suspension has been redesigned to improve ride and handling, Toyota says. The power steering is an electrical system, rather than hydraulic.

Three trim levels will be offered: base, sport and limited. Sport models get 18-inch alloy wheels, overfenders, privacy glass, roof rack and a unique interior seat fabric.

Limited versions get even more, including dual zone air conditioning, power driver's seat and an upgraded audio system with a six-disc CD changer. Leather seats are available.

The new RAV4 goes on sale in late December, the company said. No prices or fuel-economy ratings have been released yet, but base prices of current models begin at



THE Q7, IS AUDI'S FIRST SUV and is built on the same vehicle platform responsible for Volkswagen Touareg and Porsche Cayenne.

just more than \$19,000 (with freight), and run as high as \$21,000 with all-wheel drive. EPA ratings are 24 miles per gallon in the city and 28 on the highway with automatic transmission.

Audi, the upscale brand owned by Germany's Volkswagen, finally gets its own SUV with the all-new premium Q7.

Initially it's to be offered with just a 4.2-liter V8 engine, but a 3.6-liter V6 version will be added to the line a few months after the expected June on-sale date.

Audi's patented Quattro all-wheel-drive system will be standard, and the Q7 will be capable of some serious off-road driving.

But with prices expected to be

\$50,000 or more, this vehicle will see more highways than byways, and more country clubs than countryside. People just don't take expensive SUVs into the woods very much.

Still, the Q7 will have ground clearance of up to 7.9 inches to help it avoid obstacles on the trail.

As for interior amenities, the Germans are finally getting the message: Americans like cupholders. The Q7 will have 10 of them throughout the passenger compartment.

Three rows of seating are offered for carrying up to seven passengers; here, though, they will have a bit more space than in the smaller Toyota RAV4. Audi says middle-seat leg room will be best in class.

The second- and third rows can be folded flat in a variety of configurations to accommodate people or more cargo, on immediate needs.

The tailgate lifts a piece, just as it does Touareg and Cayenne, and will offer an optional operated tailgate.

In North America, the V8 will be offered, rated at 268 horsepower and 324 lb-ft of torque. It will propel the Q7 from zero to 60 mph in 7.4 seconds and give the vehicle a top speed of 154 mph.

The V6 engine will arrive in September, rated at 280 hp, Audi says.



TOYOTA

THE REDESIGNED 2006 TOYOTA RAV4, left and above — which goes on sale later this year in the United States — enters its third generation, bigger and more powerful than ever.

Subaru boosts power in all-wheel-drive Imprezas

BY ANN M. JOB
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All-wheel drive is popular on sport utility vehicles and trucks, and it has been surfacing as a feature to improve traction and handling of luxury cars.

But even buyers of the smallest sedans — subcompacts — can get all-wheel drive, and they don't have to spend \$30,000 to get it.

Subaru is the only brand to make all-wheel drive standard on every vehicle sold in the United States.

This includes the subcompact Subaru Impreza line where the starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, is \$18,920 for a five-passenger Impreza 2.5i sedan with manual transmission.

For 2006, Imprezas also have more powerful engines, exterior styling updates, more safety equipment than their predecessors and a first-ever three-sedan selection of the Impreza WRX sporty trim level.

Suzuki is the only other brand to offer all-wheel drive on an under-\$20,000, subcompact sedan. The five-passenger Suzuki Aerio has a

starting price of \$17,594 for an all-wheel-drive, 2005 LX sedan.

Both prices are higher than base subcompact sedans that typically feature front-wheel drive. For example, the five-passenger, front-drive 2006 Kia Rio sedan starts at \$11,110.

Subaru Imprezas are available as both sedans and wagons.

The top of the line WRX STI has become a cult car among young men who like its expressive styling and 300-horsepower four-cylinder engine with high-boost turbocharger.

But the 2006 WRX sedan that was the test car seemed to strike a nice balance of spunky power and ride comfort.

Styling of all Imprezas now incorporates a three-section, mesh grille with more prominent headlights. In back, there are new taillamps.

But the real news is the power. The base, 2.5-liter, naturally aspirated, horizontally opposed "boxer" four cylinder develops 173 horsepower, up a bit from 165, because of the addition of a valve lift system.

The Imprezas that are the next step up, the WRX models, have a new engine altogether. It's a 230-

horsepower, 2.5-liter, intercooled and turbocharged boxer four cylinder capable of 235 foot-pounds of torque at 3,600 rpm.

This is more than the previous 217-horsepower, 2-liter turbo four with 217 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm. And the change is noticeable, right at startup.

The test WRX sedan with five-speed manual seemed to be rarin' to go and didn't need much time to get up to speed and effortlessly zip along. There was a bit of turbo lag at times, as I stepped on the gas and waited for the power to come on. But once it did, there was strong power delivery.

Best of all, the all-wheel drive helped manage how that power moved the wheels. In so many small cars, a rush of power can make the wheels spin and squeal and sometimes jerk the steering wheel to one side, but there was none of this in the WRX sedan as power was split among four wheels, not just two.

There also was a decent responsiveness through a wide rpm range, so I didn't have to drive the WRX only in the noisy, high revs.

I could enjoy a more quiet ride and still anticipate some power boost when I wanted.

The WRX clearly outpaces the Suzuki Aerio, which has a naturally aspirated, 155-horsepower, 2.3-liter four cylinder.

The WRX's 230 horsepower also tops the 205-horsepower of the 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt, which has a supercharged, four-cylinder engine and front-wheel drive.

The test WRX sedan didn't include a turbo boost gauge so I couldn't monitor visually inside the vehicle when the turbo was tapped. Subaru said a boost gauge can be installed by a dealer.

Note the WRX requires 91 octane fuel, which in this day of high gasoline prices can mean \$50 or more to fill the 15.9-gallon tank. That's a hefty sum for a subcompact car, but spokesman Dominick Infante said premium fuel is best for the turbocharged engine.

Fuel economy isn't as high as in some other small cars. It's 20 or 21 miles a gallon in city driving, depending on whether the WRX has a manual or four-speed automatic

transmission. The car's highway rating is 26 mpg.

The WRX sedan handled easily, with a taut-feeling, sport suspension that didn't make the ride too jarring. There were vibrations that came through nearly all the time, and I felt the impact of the car going over manhole covers.

But overall, the four-wheel independent MacPherson strut front and rear suspension managed the car's motions stably and allowed for sporty handling without being overly aggressive. That kind of ride is still left to the WRX STI.

Four-wheel disc brakes worked well on the test WRX sedan. As on a sports car, their bright red calipers were visible through the spokes of the WRX wheels.

There was considerable road noise that came through via the 17-inch tires, though, and I heard wind noise coming from around the outside mirrors when I traveled on the highway.

The WRX continues to have a wimpy, small-car horn, and the trunk lid doesn't have any padding, so it can feel lightweight and sound tinny when the trunk is slammed shut.

Trunk space is 11 cubic feet, which is about par for subcompact sedans.

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Seventy percent of buyers are men, with median age 30. The WRX is a very graphic in the auto industry. Buyers are well-educated, percent having a college graduate degree plus schooling. Household income is \$32,500.

Consumer Reports says the Impreza line has a "very good" of reliability, and it's a Consumer Reports recommended car.

There have been 10 calls of the 2006 Impreza National Highway Traffic Administration does crash test ratings.



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THE 2006 WRX SEDAN seemed to strike a nice balance of spunky power and ride comfort.



Lincoln Zephyr to breeze in to showrooms

CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
 LINCOLN ZEPHYR is on to dealers.
 Motor Co.'s upscale brand, surprise by the resurgence of Cadillac, rolls out this mid-level, midsize premium sedan to compete against Cadillac's CTS, as well as pre-emptors.

Zephyr, whose concept version was introduced at last year's N.A. Auto Show, essentially is a new version of the Ford Fusion. It's based on the architecture of the Mazda6, which was introduced two years ago.

Zephyr's price starts at \$22,000, and the car comes with a lot of standard premium features. One would expect to find a Lincoln nameplate on a casual observer, the Zephyr appears to have taken some

of its styling ideas from the CTS. The cars don't look alike. But the Zephyr has a grille and some other styling cues of its big brothers in the Lincoln lineup — the full-size Navigator and midsize Aviator SUVs.

Cadillac has done the same with the CTS, giving it a grille and bold front end similar to those of its SUV big brother, the Escalade, and its crossover sibling, the SRX wagon.

And this new Zephyr has a lot in common with the CTS, including its size, interior space and pricing. Lincoln is billing the Zephyr as "accessible luxury," believing that a large bloc of consumers will be able to afford a premium sedan that costs about the same as some popular non-luxury sport utilities.

Ford hopes the Zephyr will bring new, younger customers into showrooms as the CTS has done for Cadillac. For now, Lincoln buyers are still mostly senior citizens.

The Zephyr will show young consumers that "Lincoln can bring

its hallmarks of elegant design and comfort to a new generation of customers," the company said in a news release announcing plans for the car.

A five-passenger sedan, the Zephyr will play in a rapidly growing market segment, the midsize premium sport sedan class. The CTS, Acura TL, Lexus ES 330 and Infiniti G35 are the hot vehicles in the segment now, reaching the same consumers that Lincoln will be shooting for — those whose ages run from the 30s to the mid-to upper 40s.

Among the Zephyr's design cues, Ford says, are "the bold horizontal lines of the taillights and grille, as well as the steeply raked windshield, strong horizontal themes and 19-inch spoke alloy wheels."

The vehicle has a low stance, which is essential to a youthful-looking sport sedan, the company contends.

Inside, the gratuitous luxury of

Lincoln's past has been replaced by styling that is more to the liking of 30-something buyers, such as understated mixtures of satin aluminum, chrome, leather and wood.

All buttons and knobs are chromed, as are the one-touch-louvered air vents, interior door handles and the control stalks on each side of the steering wheel, the company says.

The car's gauges "were inspired by stylish wristwatches," with rounded rectangular housings, light faces and chrome hubs and pointers, Ford says. The tachometer and speedometer show up brightly at night with their white LED lighting.

Under the hood is a specially tuned version of Ford's Duratec 3.0-liter V6 engine with variable cam timing, rated at 221 horsepower. It's connected to a six-speed automatic transmission. For now, all Zephyrs are front-wheel drive, but eventually all-wheel drive will be offered as an upgrade,

which buyers in Snowbelt states will appreciate.

Standard equipment includes 17-inch machined aluminum wheels; four-wheel disc antilock brakes; traction assist; side air bags and side air curtains; interiors with leather seats and dark ebony or light maple wood trim; AM/FM stereo with six-disc CD/MP3 player and six speakers, and more.

The leather-covered steering wheel has a Lincoln star in its center. Seats are covered with a soft premium leather, and the rear seat has a fold-down armrest. As in the front, rear door panels are trimmed with satin aluminum.

This will be the first new front-wheel-drive Lincoln since the Continental, which featured front drive from 1988 to 2002, the company said.

Ford does have plans to extend front drive to the next-generation LS model in 2007, building that vehicle, just as the Zephyr, on the platform of the new Ford Five Hundred sedan that made its debut last fall. That car uses the same architecture as Volvo's luxury S80 sedan; Volvo, the Swedish

carmaker, is now a wholly owned Ford subsidiary.

Lincoln reportedly is considering a front-drive replacement for the Town Car in 2007 or 2008 as well.

For safety, the Zephyr uses steel safety-cage construction with engineered crush zones to absorb energy in a crash. Ford's "Personal Safety System" will provide a combination of active and passive safety features, such as front and side air bags, side air curtains, occupant size sensing, three-point safety belts with front-seat pretensioners and retractors, tire pressure sensing, antilock brakes and traction control.

The name is one revived from Lincoln's past. The original 1936 Lincoln Zephyr was based on a concept by Dutch-born designer John Tjaarda of Briggs Body Corp., Ford said.

Zephyrs were known for their performance, with a then-impressive 110 horsepower from their flathead V-12 engines, according to Ford.

The 1942 Zephyr convertible was featured in the "Thin Man" movie series in the 1940s, starring William Powell and Myrna Loy as crime fighters Nick and Nora Charles.



THE ZEPHYR'S, left, design cues include bold horizontal lines of the taillights and grille, a steeply raked windshield, strong horizontal themes and 19-inch spoke alloy wheels. Inside, above, is an understated mixture of satin aluminum, chrome, leather and wood. The car's gauges "were inspired by stylish wristwatches," with rounded rectangular housings, light faces and chrome hubs and pointers.

Ever pay for gas again? Flexcar launches carsharing service in San Francisco

BUSINESS WIRE
 FRANCISCO — Hybrid good for the environment; mileage included, is good for the wallet. Flexcar has expanded its car-sharing service to San Francisco, offering the first carsharing service to offer service throughout the state of California, along the East Coast and across the country. Flexcar, a San Francisco-based company, will be the first to offer service throughout the state of California, along the East Coast and across the country.

Flexcar's nationwide expansion, starting with San Francisco, Flexcar seeks to have 20,000 vehicles available to members nationwide within five years.

"Car availability is critical to successful carsharing. Our goal is to have a car available within a two-block walk of where our members are, starting with the downtown Financial District in San Francisco," said Lance Ayrault, Flexcar's president and CEO. "There's zero doubt that the Bay Area represents the biggest market opportunity for carsharing in the U.S., and we're excited to give residents and businesses another choice."

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■ **State/nationwide network:** Not only can Bay Area Flexcar members access Flexcar elsewhere in California, but also across the country, thanks to Flexcar's nationwide network of vehicles.

■ **A "green" choice:** Carsharing is proven to reduce congestion and auto emissions, making it an environmentally sound choice. Flexcar goes the next step, by offering a fleet that consists largely of fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles — and then by planting trees to offset the minimal carbon emissions of that fleet through its partnership with American Forests.

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miles traveled and increase the use of public transit. These studies indicate that roughly 60 percent of members have either sold or decided not to purchase a vehicle because of the program, thus removing thousands of vehicles and thousands of tons of emissions from circulation.

More information on Flexcar's San Francisco operation is available at www.flexcar.com or by calling 415-282-3539.

Flexcar founded the U.S. car-sharing industry and now operates carsharing programs for more than 30,000 members in seven metropolitan areas, covering 37 cities in five states and the District of Columbia. With flexible pricing plans, members can reserve and drive any of these cars whenever and wherever they need to, without filling out complicated paperwork or paying for insurance, gas or repairs. Flexcar business memberships enable companies to augment or replace their fleet with Flexcar vehicles. Flexcar's fleet includes sedans, gas-electric hybrids and specialty vehicles, including pickups, AWD, minivans and convertibles.

out the City. Members reserve the vehicles via the Internet or phone for \$9 an hour — a fee that includes gas, mileage, parking and insurance. The company is taking membership applications now and is offering incentives via its Web site at: www.flexcar.com/sanfrancisco/specials—launch.asp?rc=0.

Initially, vehicles will be clustered in the City's downtown Financial District and, over time, placed in numerous neighborhoods, including North Beach, Civic Center and Pacific Heights. Substantial program benefits and discounted pricing from \$7.20 per hour are being offered to business members, including free overnight hours and incentives for multi-city use. Because Flexcar operates nationally, individual and business members can use vehicles from Seattle to San Diego and in 37 other cities in six states from coast to coast — with more locations being added soon.

"With gas prices more than \$3 a gallon, downtown parking at \$25 a day and insurance rates off the charts, Flexcar's \$9-an-hour rate is a real bargain," said Steve Case, the co-founder of AOL and

the majority owner of Flexcar. "What's more, especially in congested areas, car sharing is a responsible choice — and Flexcar's fleet of hybrids will help reduce pollution and fuel consumption," Case added.

Last month, Case's investment firm, Revolution Living LLC, was joined by Lee Iacocca, former Chairman/CEO of Chrysler, in buying a controlling interest in Flexcar. Their investment is fueling Flexcar's nationwide expansion, starting with San Francisco. Flexcar seeks to have 20,000 vehicles available to members nationwide within five years.

"Car availability is critical to successful carsharing. Our goal is to have a car available within a two-block walk of where our members are, starting with the downtown Financial District in San Francisco," said Lance Ayrault, Flexcar's president and CEO. "There's zero doubt that the Bay Area represents the biggest market opportunity for carsharing in the U.S., and we're excited to give residents and businesses another choice."

Among the many benefits of Flexcar's program are:

■ **Members don't pay for gas, mileage, insurance, parking:** Flexcar's hourly or discounted monthly usage charge includes gas, unlimited miles, insurance, and a prime parking place. Members don't pay a day-long rental rate when they only need a car for a few hours — they pay only for what they use. Flexcar's insurance coverage is the best available, and members get it for free.

■ **Business partners receive discounts for rentals:** Business members can encourage employees to take public transportation into the City, while making cars available for meetings throughout the day. In addition, businesses get free overnight hours, making cars available to employees who stay late and then face limited availability from public transportation services.

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The car for the CEO who cares

BY JIM MATEJA
 CHICAGO TRIBUNE

What car should the boss drive? That's what Chief Executive Magazine asked in coming up with a list of recommended vehicles for CEOs.

Chief Executive is a circulation magazine that reaches 42,000 chief executive officers. Other than National Geographic, it may be the only magazine in the world in which you won't find Britney Spears or Paris Hilton on the cover.

As for playthings, the choices are:

Sedans: A Bentley Flying Spur (\$165,000) or Mercedes CLS 55 AMG (\$85,000).

Sports cars: A Ford GT (\$153,000) or Ferrari F430 Spider (\$180,800).

Convertibles: A Porsche 911 Carrera S (\$79,000) or Cadillac XLR (\$76,000).

Coupes: An Aston Martin DB9 (\$155,000).

tomotive Web site, to determine vehicles that are neither signs of arrogance nor insensitivity.

The cars are divided into two categories, the everyday business commuter and the weekend toy.

The commuter choices are:

Under \$75,000: Audi A8 (\$72,000).

Under \$60,000: Cadillac CTS-V (\$53,000).

Under \$50,000: BMW 3-Series (\$42,800).

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BMW 3-Series "a solid value with more room for practical business."

It was a little more colorful with the toys, calling the Bentley "a combination of lordly might and opulent luxury," Ferrari "almost otherworldly" and "intoxicating," the Ford GT "two seats strapped to an engine," and the Aston Martin "a four-wheeled work of art."

Absent were any SUVs. "We decided to concentrate on cars alone because not too many CEOs commute to work in a SUV," Holstein said.

And the price of gas and mileage ratings played no role in the decisions.

"No consideration was given to gas prices or mileage because we assumed people in this (salary) bracket could afford gas at whatever price," he said.

But noticeable by their absence were any Japanese cars. "They have excellent fit and finish and few defects or problems, but they don't capture the soul, the personality, or the excitement that American and European designers have with

their cars. Japanese cars are plain vanilla transportation that should be driven by dentists," Holstein said.

The vehicle a CEO drives is important, Holstein said, because it tends to influence others. Just like kids who try to emulate sports stars, employees will pattern their buying habits after what the boss drives. And it's not just an attempt to affect the color of the employee's nose.

"What the CEO drives affects employee behavior. Employees mimic the CEO. They look in the executive lot and what he drives sets the standard. If he drives a BMW 7-Series, it encourages others to buy more expensive cars. But if he drives a Toyota Tercel, it encourages them to buy less expensive cars."

"A lot of CEOs are tight-fisted and believe in getting value out of every nickel they spend and driving a Tercel sends a message to the organization that he wants them to be tight-fisted, too."

If the boss drives a Tercel, perhaps you should opt for taking a bus.

Road rage: Ways to keep your anger under control

NUI
 While running late to work, a car cuts you off in a crowded intersection. How do you feel? Heated.

It's normal to feel ill-tempered in heavy traffic. When anger provokes you to act out, however, the situation can become dangerous and even deadly.

While you can't control the actions of others, maintaining your composure will help you stay safe on the road. Here are some tips:

■ **Plan ahead.** Before you hit the road, listen to traffic reports to see which routes are congested. You'll then be able to take an alternate route or mentally prepare yourself for a slower drive. If possible, leave for your destination early to beat rush-hour traffic delays.

■ **Breathe.** If you start to feel angry, focus on breathing deeply or try other relaxation techniques. To calm your nerves, play your favorite CD or bring along an audio book to help pass the time.

■ **Leave the house stress-free.** Thinking about all the tasks you have to perform for the day, you may feel wound up before even

setting foot in the car. To relieve this mental strain, try a stress-fighting supplement such as Stress & Tension, part of the "Spray" line of sublingual sprays, to help you relax and avoid rage.

The Stress & Tension spray was developed by doctors to help your body adapt and recover quickly from everyday stress. This product can be used before or after a stressful situation and meets all Food and Drug Administration guidelines for good manufacturing practices. For more information, call 866-412-7827 or visit www.thespray.com.

■ **Retain your compassion.** Since you don't know the circumstances behind other drivers' actions, do not be quick to judge someone else's poor driving as an act of aggression against you. For example, someone who cuts you off in traffic might be lost, confused or distracted by another driver.

■ **Pull over.** If you're feeling angry, get off at the nearest exit to compose yourself. Remember that safety comes first and that arriving late to your destination is a better alternative to risking someone's life or your own.

What the faithful drive while awaiting alfa's return

BY KEITH MARTIN
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Many automakers have tried to carve out a permanent place in the American market, only to fail and leave behind bankrupt dealerships and multitudes of frustrated customers.

Despite the hardships caused by the companies' departures, few tears were shed when European marques like Citroën, Fiat, Peugeot and Renault went back home. Offering cars that were not well-suited to American driving conditions or that earned poor reputations for reliability, these brands attracted only small — and not especially loyal — followings.

The parting of Alfa Romeo was different.

A decade after the last new Alfa was sold in the United States, the automaker's mystique is still potent. Those who know and love the cars — the Alfisti — remain devoted. At the annual convention of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club, held in July in Bellevue, Wash., hundreds of owners arrived in prized models from the Milanese carmaker's past. Many of those collectors would

welcome the company's return to this country, a possibility the company admits it is considering.

Alfa has always been raced, from the first model — the 24 HP of 1910 — to the current 156, a consistent winner in the hotly contested World Touring Car Championship, a series as popular in Europe as NASCAR is here. Some of Alfa's racing heritage always seemed to find its way into production cars, even the most mundane sedans.

Many Americans' first exposure to Alfa was the Duetto Spider that Dustin Hoffman drove in the 1967 film "The Graduate." That roadster was an excellent example of Alfa's practice of transferring racing technology to its road cars. Many features of the Duetto's engine — an aluminum block and cylinder head, twin overhead camshafts and dual-throat Weber carburetors — were ahead of the competition.

The racing-bred engine gave the Duetto a kick that enthusiasts loved. The same basic chassis and engine design also served as the basis for a homely four-door sedan of the same era, the Giulietta Super.

The practice of sharing components was employed by Alfa as far back as 1924, when a similar chassis was used for coupes, convertibles and sedans, all powered by 1.5-liter engines. And it was true of Alfa's last model sold in the United States, the quirky 164 sedan, which shared its architecture with the Saab 9000, Lancia Thema and Fiat Croma.

Since the company's departure from the United States in 1995, Alfisti have held on to a spark of hope that the marque might someday return.

Getting a definitive answer to questions about Alfa's return is about as difficult as finding authentic pizza in Pyongyang — which is to say, nearly impossible. The official position, outlined in an e-mail message from Richard Gadeselli, vice president of International corporate communications for Fiat, describes the conditions that must be met before Alfa returns to America.

"We have stated that the return of Alfa Romeo to the U.S. market is in the cards," Gadeselli said, "but not before Alfa's increasing and consolidating its sales in Europe. Our plan

calls for 300,000 Alfa sales per year in some three to four years. In 2004, Alfa sold 175,000 cars worldwide. I would also mention that none of the current lineup has been engineered for federal use."

According to Ron Tonkin, whose Portland, Ore., dealership is an authorized Alfa Romeo parts and service center, preparations are actually further along than the company's statement indicates.

"I have had conversations with some decision-makers at Alfa Romeo," Tonkin said. "They have said that Alfa will be sold through Ferrari-Maserati dealers when they return to the U.S. We will probably see the first of those cars in late 2007."

The lack of new cars is not keeping enthusiasts from enjoying Alfas they already own. For a car whose sales peak in America was about 8,200 — in 1986, the same year Fiat took control of the company — parts and service are surprisingly plentiful. While Alfas are regarded by owners as mechanically robust (though it takes a well-versed technician to tune them properly) finding various

trim and upholstery parts was once a problem.

Restorations have become simpler than they were 10 years ago with the emergence of companies like Re-Originals, in Houston, that deal in everything from original seat-cover materials for 1960s Spiders to rubber floor mats for other Alfas of the era.

Alfas are often considered a logical first step for collectors attracted to Italian sports cars, starting them on the path to brands of increasingly greater performance and sophistication: Lancia, Maserati and Ferrari.

"Alfas have always been the poor man's Ferrari," said Mark Leonard, a classic car dealer in La Jolla, Calif. "But there was a lot of racecar in every production Alfa."

Each Alfa, from the earliest cars in 1910 to the models sold in Europe today, offers a graceful amalgam of style and performance that sets it apart.

Even Henry Ford recognized this. Legend has it that he once said, "Every time an Alfa goes by, I tip my hat."

So many Alfas, so room

Alfa Romeos, at least in the affordable vintage cars. The listed prices are very good condition original components.

■ 1932-34 P3 Junior racecars, the best of the made. At the time, they were managed by a young man, \$2 million-\$3 million.

■ 1956-59 Spider advanced design, this model is an endary for winning contemporary MGs, despite having little preparation. \$20,000-\$30,000.

■ 1966-67 Duetto open-top Alfa before trouble-prone emission unsightly bumpers. \$10,000-\$15,000.

■ 1966-68 Giulietta was perhaps Alfa's most son sports car. \$8,000-\$12,000.

■ 1981-86 GTV-6 Alfa brought to the U.S. a powerful V6 engine styling by Giogetto Giugiaro. \$8,000-\$12,000.

■ 1991-94 Spider cal systems of the final body. \$5,000-\$12,000.

The Nissan Frontier gets more muscle

BY G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
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How does an automaker go about making a great compact pickup even better?

Give it more power, more utility and more off-road prowess.

And that's exactly the route Nissan took with its complete redesign of the Frontier this year.

The 2005 Frontier, which went on sale in December, is better than its predecessor in almost every aspect, which is surprising considering how good the previous model already was.

The all-new Frontier represents a solid progression forward in the design of Nissan's popular compact, which is built in Smyrna, Tenn., where Nissan has been making pickups since the mid-1980s. It was the first U.S. assembly plant for a Japanese automaker, and it has been turning out high-quality products since Day One.

This newest Frontier got its exterior styling straight from its new big brother, the Titan pickup that was introduced in mid-2003 as Nissan's first entry into the full-size truck market.

"The award-winning Titan sets the standard for innovation in pickup design, regardless of size, which in turn set the tone for the creation of the 2005 Frontier," Mark McNabb, vice president and general manager for Nissan North America, said.

The Titan is quite beefy, and the new Frontier gets that same aggressive styling, which makes it look much bigger than before even though it's really just slightly larger than the 2004 model it replaces.

Its new ruggedness comes from the new body-on-steel-frame arrangement that is based on Nissan's F-Alpha chassis, which is the same one used for the Titan.

To go with the beefier looks, the Frontier will come with a more powerful engine for 2005, a 4.0-liter, double-overhead-cam V6 rated at 250 horsepower and 270 foot-pounds of torque (according to preliminary specifications, subject to change when the production model is released, Nissan says).

That's a 70-horsepower increase in power over the 3.3-liter V6 used in the current model.

The extra power and the rugged F-Alpha chassis allow the new Frontier to tow trailers weighing up to 5,500 pounds.

Besides borrowing styling cues from the Titan, the new Frontier also will get a standard factory sprayed-in bed liner, as well as the Utili-track bed tie-down system.

The Titan, which is built at Nissan's new factory in Canton, Miss., was the first truck to be offered with a factory installed spray-in bed liner.

Nissan offers the Frontier in King Cab and Crew Cab styles, and in either two- or four-wheel drive configurations. Our test model was the Crew Cab two-wheel-drive version.

With the redesign of the Frontier, there is no regular-cab model in the lineup. While the King Cab was expected to be the best-seller, the company predicted that the Crew Cab would account for at least 40 percent of sales.

We found that two adults and a child could sit comfortably in the back seat of the Crew Cab, with two more adults riding quite comfortably up front. Essentially, the Crew Cab is the Xterra from the nose to just behind the rear seat, where the pickup bed begins. Therefore, it's as roomy and comfortable as the SUV.

The new Frontier's wheelbase is 9.8 inches longer than that of the 2004 model, while the overall length is 2.6 inches longer for the King Cab and 5.6 inches for the Crew Cab.

Also shared with the Titan is the Frontier's new all-steel dou-



THE 2005 NISSAN FRONTIER is better than its predecessor in almost every aspect.

ble-wishbone front suspension and rigid-leaf rear suspension with overslung leaf springs optimized for off-road driving.

Standard is power rack-and-pinion steering and four-wheel antilock disc brakes.

As for the new engine used in the 2005 Frontier (and the new Pathfinder and Xterra SUVs, as well), it is based on the VQ engine series used in the 350Z, Maxima, Altima, Murano and Quest. It has been specifically tuned for truck use, Nissan says. It has an aluminum block.

A base King Cab model is offered with a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine, but Nissan expects the majority of sales to be Frontiers

equipped with the V-6, which is the only engine available in the Crew Cab version.

Transmission choices are the same five-speed automatic used in the new Pathfinder and Xterra, or a six-speed manual. Ours came with the smooth-shifting automatic, though, which is the only one offered in the uplevel LE model we drove; the base SE can have either the manual or the automatic.

Frontier four-wheel-drive models get a shift-on-the-fly system with low range capability, which is a requirement for a serious off-road machine. It's the same system we recently tested on the new 2005 Xterra, which essentially is the same vehicle underneath as

the new Frontier.

Our test model, the Crew Cab LE, carried a base price of \$23,900 (plus \$580 freight). At that price, it comes very well-equipped.

Standard equipment includes four-wheel antilock disc brakes; power rack-and-pinion steering; body-color bumpers, mirrors, door handles and side molding; tubular step rails and roof rack with cross bars; fog lights; Utili-Track bed-tiedown system with spray-in liner and lots more.

Extras on our vehicle included side-curtain (front and rear) and side seat-mounted air bags (front), a \$550 option; limited-slip rear differential (\$300); Rockford Fosgate premium 380-watt audio package

with six-disc, in-dash MP3 playback; power windows and steering wheel (\$850); power tilt-in roof (\$700); and a leather package (\$1,700). It brought an eight-way power seat and four passenger seat (with standard fold-downs) as heated outside mirrors.

Total sticker was \$24,450, including freight and destination. EPA fuel-economy estimates for automatic-transmission models we tested were 16 mpg in the city and 20 mpg on the highway; base SE two-wheel-drive models with manual transmission are rated at 17 mpg.

2006 Honda Civic is more powerful, safer, newly styled eighth-generation model

BY ANN M. JOB
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Honda Civic's title as America's best-selling compact car is safe.

The new, eighth-generation Civic arriving in showrooms now offers more of what consumers look for.

The 2006 Civic is a bit wider than its predecessor for a more comfortable interior, much quieter inside, more powerful and fuel efficient and also comes with six standard airbags for the first time.

The new Civic also is decidedly more sleek and upscale in its looks, especially as a two-door coupe.

Unfortunately, prices have increased, particularly for the base Civic sedan, whose manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, tops \$15,000 for the first time. This compares with \$13,810 for a base, 2005 Civic DX sedan.

The lowest-priced 2006 Civic overall is the DX coupe, which starts at \$14,910, an increase of \$700 over the base 2005 DX coupe.

Civic competitors include the 2006 Toyota Corolla, which is sold as a sedan only and starts at \$14,545, and the 2006 Nissan Sentra, which starts at \$13,680 as a sedan. All prices for base models, including the Civics, are for cars with manual transmissions.

Honda's Civic dates to 1973 in the United States. A little hatchback, it was the first high-volume Honda sold in this country.

Over the years, the Civic grew larger and added models. In recent years, the Civic's average annual

U.S. sales of approximately 300,000 have made it the top-selling compact car in the country. Last year, it also was the third best-selling car overall among Americans.

Besides the sedan and coupe, the Civic line includes a high-performance model called the Civic Si and a gasoline-electric Civic Hybrid.

For 2006, each Civic has a more distinct personality.

The Civic coupe, for example, doesn't share outer body sheet metal panels with the Civic sedan.

The Civic Si gets a big increase in horsepower — to 197 from last year's 160 and compares with the Civic sedan's 140 horsepower. The Si also now rides on the largest standard Civic tires ever, 17-inches.

And the Civic Hybrid provides a different driving experience with a hybrid powerplant that for the first time can power the vehicle solely via electric power in some driving situations. The hybrid's fuel economy rating is improved, too — to an estimated 50 miles a gallon in city and highway driving. This is up from 47/48 mpg for the 2005 model.

All the new Civics benefit from a new front-wheel-drive platform that provides a tighter-feeling, more refined ride. For example, the Civic sedan keeps jolting bumps away from passengers in an upscale ride, while the Civic Si's sporty ride conveys most road bumps and vibrations to passengers.

The Civic sedans also are quieter inside compared with the Civic Si, and they're noticeably quieter compared with their predecessors.

Road noise, in particular, is muted in the four-door models compared with the Si with its sport-oriented tires.

The new, power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering is more re-

sponsive in all Civics and took a bit of getting used to.

The Civic steering wheel is compact, and combined with the new, quick steering gear ratios, gave me the feeling I was at the controls of

a video game. This sensation wore off as I spent more time behind the wheel.

Front-seat passengers are bound to notice the prominent rake of the windshield. Seats are a bit

wider and redesigned for comfort, and interior a quality appearance of silver-colored trim.

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BESIDES THE SEDAN AND COUPE, the Civic line includes a high-performance model called the Civic Si and a gasoline-electric Civic Hybrid.

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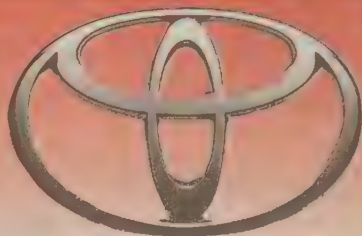
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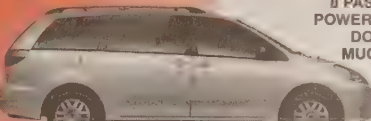
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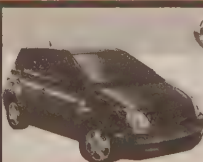
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the stainless-steel kitchen of a restaurant building that towers over the city of Chicago. Spiaggia chef Tony Mantuano bends over the counter, his hands moving deftly as he prepares a ragu alla bolognese. He's smelling the ground beef, onion, celery and carrot that are the start of a ragu alla bolognese, the Italian grandmother's ragu.

He's about purity and simplicity. Mantuano said, "You want to use the best ingredients. That's what you get the flavor."

That wonderful flavor that he's on a recent trip to Italy, in the heart of the secret to a perfect ragu. The end of a weeklong pasta-journey, I had yet to exhaust myself on bolognese sauce. I've proved elusive, however, to find a single "correct" way of making ragu, or meat sauce. And I've argued heatedly over ingredients and methods in making this classic dish.

Prepared correctly, bolognese is beguiling. It resonates with a meaty flavor checked by a balance of acidic tomato and vegetables. It gets an added richness from cream at the end of cooking.

Prepared otherwise, it becomes ordinary spaghetti with sauce that appears atop red-checked table-cloths pretty much everywhere.

When, as it turns out, in the best restaurant in Bologna, the city of bolognese ragu.

At a chef where he goes in for classic ragu, and the answer is to Ristorante Diana, in its dining room near the historical towers.

Famous is Diana that one of mine trekked there from a plate of pasta, then the train back to Rome, pre-sleeping blissfully the experience at Diana was

paintful. The sunny yellow tagliatelle under the sauce perfectly cooked. But the haunted sauce was a lot of meat, few veg-

etables, even less flavor.

I began to suspect that the type of meat played a role in the ultimate outcome, and that ragu with pork and beef is more succulent than just beef alone.

Thousands of calories later, I disproved that theory.

My eating trials in Italy came to an end at Ristorante Zafferano in Ferrara, a walled medieval village about 20 miles north of Bologna. There, chef Renzo Geminiani served a perfect bolognese sauce in a saffron-yellow room decorated with heavy wood furniture.

Because the sauce was so succulent, I immediately suspected pork. But Geminiani denied any presence of Italy's favorite meat in his bolognese.

The difference between his ragu and the less-flavorful one in Bologna, he explained, was the care taken to cook it. He wasn't surprised that some better-known restaurants serve a weaker version of bolognese.

"That's tourist food," he said. He lets his bolognese sit for a day in the refrigerator before serving, giving the flavors a chance to blend.

The Zafferano recipe is close to many others. Geminiani sautes carrot, celery, onion and garlic. Separately he browns ground rump steak over very high heat, and brings the ingredients together with some wine and tomato paste.

Then comes the step that most cooks are unwilling to take.

"It has to simmer for four hours," he said.

The result, after he has added some rosemary and sage, is a darker sauce than one cooked with lots of meat broth.

"It's more pure that way," he said.

The questions of pork versus beef and stock versus wine are hardly surprising, Mantuano said. Nor is the fact that the best bolognese I found was not in Bologna.

"There are so many things that people call bolognese," he said. "It has become a national sauce."

Indeed, in the 1980s, Italy's national culinary academy, L'Accademia Italiana della Cucina, set out to determine what, exactly, constituted an authentic ragu alla bolognese and

how it was invented.

The academy's research suggested the sauce began as a thrifty way to feed hungry farm families around Bologna, according to cookbook author Lynne Rossetto Kasper. Meat was expensive in the late 1800s, and farmers often relied on lesser cuts and aging milk cows to feed their own families.

By cooking skirt steak for a few hours in a braising liquid, they could make an ordinarily tough cut into a tender sauce, stretching a small amount of meat into a meal.

Adding cream made the sauce even more filling, Kasper wrote.

After the academy certified its sauce recipe, a ferocious argument began, with Bologna residents debating the provenance of each ingredient in the "official" recipe.

Kasper, in her 1992 book, "The Splendid Table," noted that the ragu actually appeared much earlier than the 1800s, in the palaces of the 1500s.

Early recipes often included spices, fruit and other ingredients that today would seem exotic. And they weren't served over pasta until one Alberto Alvisi, chef for the cardinal of Imola, debuted a sauce called ragu per maccheroni, according to Kasper's research. Her book offers a 24-page discussion of ragu, including recipes that call for ingredients ranging from chicken livers to veal.

Paul Bertolli, chef at Olivetto, a well-regarded Italian restaurant in Oakland, Ill., also has noticed the divergence of opinion on ragu.

"I think there probably are as many versions of bolognese sauce as there are Bolognese people," he said. "When you talk about tradition, it's very hard to nail down what the most authentic version is."

Bertolli's version, which he arrived at by trying to duplicate the tastes from his favorite restaurants in Bologna, comes close. It requires some time and careful attention from the home chef but it yields a luxurious bolognese sauce that echoes on the tongue after it's gone.

"It's a savory, deeply meaty, yet smooth and refined flavor," he said. "You get this kind of truthness of flavor."

After returning from Bologna, I needed about a month before I could even consider eating pasta with meat sauce, let alone investing an afternoon in making it. But eventually I set out to conquer a recipe by Olivetto chef Paul Bertolli.

Many recipes rely on hamburger meat, he recommends skirt steak or hanging tenderloin. And he develops a strong base of beef flavor by repeatedly allowing the sauteing beef to adhere to the pan bottom, and then deglazing the pan with broth.

"That's really essential," he said. "You're building the flavor from the bottom up."

A heavy cast-iron or enamel pot is ideal for this. Non-stick pans will never develop the kind of crust Bertolli seeks.

Skirt steak releases enough fat and moisture to make it difficult to brown the meat unless you drain the pan once or twice during cooking.

After the meat shows a deep chestnut color, Bertolli suggested

adding broth and deglazing several times. After that, it's a matter of allowing the dish to simmer for a few hours.

Bertolli recommends using some of that time to mix and roll your own pasta dough for tagliatelle, a bright orange-yellow noodle that gets its color and hardy consistency from the addition of several egg yolks.

It's a step that brings an added measure of authenticity. But bolognese is still wonderful with store-bought pasta like fettuccine or spaghetti.

If you're pressed for time, or otherwise inclined to skip Bertolli's repeated deglazing, Mantuano and Kasper offer ragus that require less simmering.

But they are not true bolognese sauces, Kasper noted. For that, she turns to the academy's recipe, which carefully lays out how to make a tra-

ditional ragu alla bolognese. The ingredients are few: beef, aromatic vegetables, stock and pork fat.

"This, to me, is the essence of what Italian pasta sauce is all about," she said. "It's beautifully cooked but it's also simple food. It's the idea that a little does a lot, and boy, does it taste good."

QUICK BOLOGNESE SAUCE

Chef Tony Mantuano serves this version at Cafe Spiaggia. In the winter, he uses fresh canned San Marzano Roma tomatoes imported from Italy; these tomatoes are sold in most supermarkets under a variety of different brand names. He also often makes the sauce with 2 pounds of ground duck meat in place of beef.

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 each, small, chopped: yellow

onion, rib celery, carrot
2 pounds ground chuck
¾ cup dry red wine
1 cup each: chicken broth, crushed tomatoes

½ teaspoon salt, optional
Heat the olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat until hot but not smoking. Add the vegetables; decrease heat to medium. Cook, stirring occasionally, until golden, about 5 minutes. Add the ground beef; increase heat to medium-high. Cook, stirring occasionally, until evenly brown, about 15 minutes.

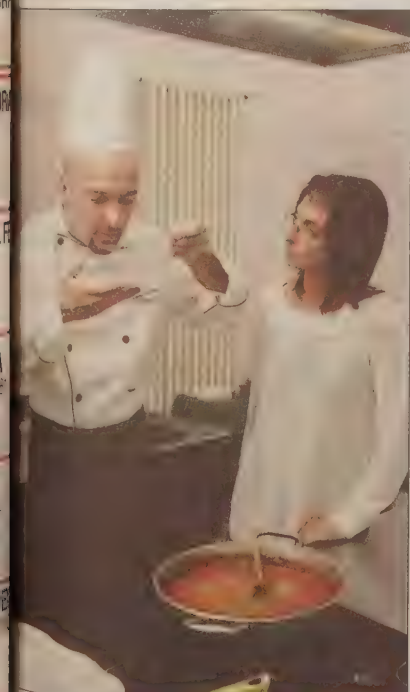
Stir in the wine, scraping up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Stir in the broth and tomatoes; cook until flavors come together, about 40 minutes. Add salt if necessary. Skim off fat if desired.

Preparation time: 30 minutes, cooking time: 55 minutes, makes 6 servings.



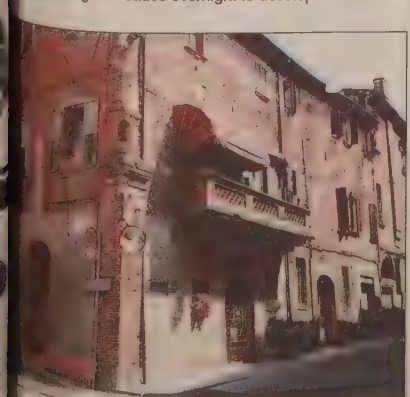
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CHEF TONY MANTUANO of Spiaggia in Chicago, Illinois, gathers ingredients for his bolognese sauce.



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RENZO GIAMETTI of Ristorante Zafferano in Ferrara, Italy, chills his bolognese sauce overnight to develop the flavors.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE

RIANTE ZAFFERANO in Ferrara, Italy, where Chef Renzo Giametti reigns over his cuisine.



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CHEF TONY MANTUANO presents his bolognese sauce.

The man who put 'gourmet' into everyday kitchens

BY CAROLYN JUNG
KINGSTON NEWS-SPRINGS

SAN JOSE — Once we were content to cook with flimsy pots and two types of cake pans (round and angel food), and to eat little beyond meat and potatoes, iceberg lettuce and a fair amount of lime-green Jell-O. Then along came Charles "Chuck" E. Williams, with his keen eye and impeccable taste, and an uncanny ability to know what we needed in our kitchens long before we ever did.

It wasn't long before he had us mesmerized by KitchenAid stand mixers, Cuisinart food processors, Krups coffee makers and professional juicers, as well as zesters, saute pans, tart pans and real Italian aceto balsamico.

Since the former carpenter transformed an old hardware store in Sonoma into the first Williams-Sonoma cookware shop in 1956, his once-modest business has grown into a \$3 billion-a-year corporation. More than 36,000 employees operate more than 250 Williams-Sonoma stores nationwide and in Canada, as well as an additional 300 stores in the company's other chains, which sell home furnishings and accessories: Pottery Barn, Pottery Barn Kids and PBteen, Hold Everything, and the 3-year-old West Elm, which features a sleek and modern, lower-priced line of furniture. This summer, the first Williams-Sonoma Home store opened in Beverly Hills, selling posh, pricey furnishings; a second will open next year in Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto.

And recently, the cookware connoisseur, lifestyle visionary and retail revolutionary at the heart of it all turned 90.

"It took a man to help us understand cooking is not a woman's drudgery," says Clark Wolf, a New York- and Sonoma-based restaurant consultant who has known Williams for decades. "It took a man to show us that it could be fulfilling and wonderful."

It took Chuck Williams. "He really made the phrase 'gourmet kitchen' a part of everyday language," says Narsai David, Bay Area restaurateur and founder of Nar-

sal's Specialty Food Products. "He made the exotic of fancy cooking something accessible to everybody."

Williams — a genteel gentleman and lifelong bachelor with a penchant for knit vests, tweed jackets and a spot of tea on fine china in the afternoon — has no plans to retire.

"I wouldn't have anything to do," he says.

Although Williams no longer scouts out and approves every item sold in his stores, he still edits every Williams-Sonoma cookbook published. At the company's headquarters in San Francisco, he comes in every day when he's not traveling, always taking the stairs, never the elevator, to his third-floor office. When he receives an in-house e-mail, he'll print it out and walk to the employee's desk to deliver his answer in person. At night, he's often the last one out the door. And his soft-spoken, self-effacing murmur of "This is good" is still enough to get all ears to perk up.

When Williams looks back over the past 49 years, he still seems surprised that one store would beget all this, including such personal honors as lifetime achievement awards from the James Beard Foundation and the International Association of Culinary Professionals and induction into the Culinary Institute of America's Hall of Fame.

"It was a French kitchenware store, only French. And it was successful from the start," Williams says. "I always bought what I liked. Fortunately, a lot of other people liked the things, too. I bought things that were well designed, well made, that performed a function. And I saw no reason not to stick with that."

Walk into any Williams-Sonoma store to see that approach on display — gleaming copper braisers, heavy tollé tablecloths, striking Japanese knives, hand-harvested sea salt from France, and a whimsical porcelain creamer shaped like a cow — one of the first things stocked in the original store.

Walk into a store when Williams is visiting, and behold a near-rock-star reception. As he strolls through the four-story flagship Williams-Sonoma on Union Square in San

Francisco on a recent afternoon, heads turn in delight. His own employees gush and bashfully walk up to shake his hand and to ask for autographs. A couple, visiting the store from Toronto, come by to express their admiration. The woman says she can't cook but loves his stores nonetheless and pleads for Williams to open more of them in her hometown.

Just like Julia Child and Alice Waters, founder of Berkeley's Chez Panisse, Williams discovered his destiny in France.

He grew up in Jacksonville, Fla., and learned to love cooking from his grandmother, who owned a restaurant in Ohio before moving to Florida to join the rest of the family. After serving as an airplane mechanic for McDonnell Douglas during World War II, Williams settled in Sonoma in 1947, where, as a contractor, he built homes. Five years later, he traveled with some friends to Paris for the first time. And there, his discerning eye widened in awe. Charlotte molds, omelet pans, heavy-duty knives, even decent wooden spoons — all were unknown in the United States back then, but in France, Williams found them in abundance.

And along with them, he found a new calling. Williams bought an old hardware store in downtown Sonoma in 1954 with the idea of turning it into a shop specializing in French cookware. Two years later, the doors opened. Williams had liked the way retailers Herman Bergdorf and Edwin Goodman had combined their names to christen their New York retail store Bergdorf Goodman, so for his own store he came up with the name Williams-Sonoma. It took a while to catch on, he says with a chuckle. In the early days, customers would erroneously call him "Bill Sonoma."

Because many of his clients were upper-crust San Francisco ladies-who-lunch, who had been to Europe and understood what he was selling, it wasn't long before Williams decided to move the store to downtown San Francisco.

The Sutter Street building (just 1 1/2 blocks from the present Post Street flagship store) was the perfect

location at the time — just down the block from the Elizabeth Arden salon, a women's club and two medical buildings. Many of those walking by, seeing Williams out front sweeping the entryway, couldn't help but be enticed inside by the artsy cookware displayed in fine cabinets he had built himself.

In the early 1960s, when Child made a souffle on her "The French Chef" cooking show, customers would flock to Williams' store the next day, buying up souffle dishes.

Before Mary Risley opened her San Francisco cooking school, Tante Marie, she would stand in the back of the Williams-Sonoma store to watch the free cooking demonstrations because she couldn't afford to take cooking classes elsewhere. When she opened her school in 1979, Risley, who was Williams' neighbor back then, sought out his advice.

"I asked if there was anything in particular I should put in the school. He said I needed to put electricity in the center island. And no, I didn't know to do that then," she says, laughing.

Before Waters opened Chez Panisse, she would make pilgrimages to the store to buy lemon zesters, fluted-edge tart pans and pot de creme pots.

"There was no place else really to buy those wonderful French culinary implements," Waters says. "And he had such a great sense of taste — mixing the antique with the new. He lured people in through the beauty and the art of cooking."

He did much more, too. In 1971, the first Williams-Sonoma catalog was created. Seven years later, when the business side became too much for Williams to handle, he sold the company to Howard Lester, a computer service and software entrepreneur, for \$100,000. Williams, who was given stock in the company when it went public in 1983, has stayed on as director emeritus and watched it grow into a national retail phenomenon.

"Before he started out, catalogs were tacky-tacky. Nobody wanted one," says Eugene Muscat, senior associate dean of the school of busi-

ness management at the University of San Francisco. "He reinvented it for everyone, totally legitimizing the catalog business."

Williams-Sonoma also started the trend in retailers as lifestyle managers. "When the company found out that someone buys expensive cookware, it figured they would buy expensive patio ware or bed ware, too," Muscat says. "Williams-Sonoma started in the kitchen, but now it wants to treat every part of your life, from the time you wake up to the time you get back home from work. That's how it has evolved."

So does it ever dismay the man who introduced all this gourmet cookware into our lives to realize that a good percentage of people these days buys the pretty pans and sleek machines more for show than for actual use?

"It used to bother me. But I understand it now. I did it myself," Williams says. "In my old Nob Hill house in San Francisco, I put up hanging pots and pans, too. So I can't blame people. I'm just like anyone else — I like looking at them."

What does dishearten him, though, is how people groan about being too busy to cook. He understands the long hours people work and how grocery shopping has gone from a 10-minute stroll to the corner store to a 90-minute frenzy of driving to a super-sized supermarket to fight crowds. But it still leaves him dejected.

"People are intimidated by what they see out there, by what they're expected to do," he says. "But I look at it and think it's not that difficult. There are things they can do that aren't that hard, that they'd get some enjoyment from."

For instance, Williams can't get enough of Risley's roast chicken — cooked as simply as can be with just salt, pepper and butter. And when the two get together to cook, Williams is content to whip up something as unfussy as fresh-picked spring asparagus topped with fried eggs. At home, he has no qualms about using prepared chicken stock. He'll simmer it with chopped onion, carrot and potato, then add skinless chicken thighs. In half an hour, he has a satisfying dinner. The next night, into the pot of leftover broth and chicken, he'll add herbs and vegetables — maybe fennel, or peas or zucchini — and in even less time than the night before, he's made dinner again, with a whole different taste.

You might expect the founder of the first fancy cookware store in the country to boast a home kitchen brimming with every doodad imaginable.

Not quite. Now in his San Francisco Russian Hill apartment, he cooks mostly just for himself in a modest kitchen with an electric cooktop that he admits he's not very fond of. There are a KitchenAid mixer, a food processor, a professional juicer, high-quality French and Italian pots and a butcher-block table — all things that aren't necessarily the newest and snazziest but which have stood the test of time.

After all, that has always been the mark.

"I've always been attracted to many gadgets," he says. "I've been attracted to them unless they were a you could use quite often, or those extruding pasta machines. The dough would stick in them. They didn't work well, so I got rid of them in the store. And that mold that could make hard-boiled eggs? I didn't see the son for that. The egg always most perfect shape."

Of the appliances one considers the grill the one changed the way we cook, small or elaborate, used outside, the grill transformed the way people entertain, says California. Moreover, he has reduced the man in the grill cooking more.

After all the culinary one has witnessed, could there be a cookware item that is not a wish? After a moment's reflection, Williams cracks a smile.

"Yes, a pan that would properly all by itself. If ever one is made, it he'll not only find it, but us all covet one."

That's the Chuck Williams' timeline.

- Paring knives
- Chef's knife
- Slicing knife for meats
- Casserole dish
- Assorted baking dishes
- Frying pan (curved)
- Saute pan (straight)
- Roasting pan
- Strainer
- Vegetable peeler
- Food processor

Williams-Sonoma timeline

- 1947: Chuck Williams opens up in Jacksonville, Fla., Sonoma.
- 1956: Williams-Sonoma store in Sonoma.
- 1958: Store moves to Sutter Street.
- 1971: First Williams-Sonoma catalog is mailed.
- 1972: Williams-Sonoma incorporated.
- 1973: Second Williams-Sonoma store is opened in Berkeley, followed by a third in Palo Alto and a fourth in Costa Mesa.
- 1978: Company is sold to computer entrepreneur Howard Lester, and his friend, Jay McInnis, out-of-state Williams-Sonoma opens in Dallas.
- 1983: Williams-Sonoma goes public on Nasdaq.
- 1986: First Williams-Sonoma cookbook is published.
- 1986: Pottery Barn stores are opened.
- 1996: The 10 million Williams-Sonoma cookbook is printing the bestselling cookbooks of the 1990s.
- 1998: Williams-Sonoma is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the acronym WS and the corporation's sales reach \$1 billion.

Source: Williams-Sonoma



CHUCK WILLIAMS, founder of Williams-Sonoma, stands in front of cookware in the flagship Union Square store in San Francisco on Aug. 24. Williams celebrated his 90th birthday on Oct. 2.

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Contest winners score transformation on the homefront in San Jose

BY HOLLY HAYES
STAFF WRITER

WINNER — On a sweltering July day, an air-conditioned house in front of the Cape Mendocino area of San Jose, Calif., was the scene of a home improvement contest. Chayse Dacoda, host of the popular home-improvement show "While You Were Out," looked on as the Ondo family, including a young couple, a dimer, and a cat, transformed the exterior of the Ondo home. The transformation of the Ondo home was about to begin. And it wouldn't be long before the Ondo family, including a young couple, a dimer, and a cat, would have made some cosmetic changes to the home's interior, most notably adding lively paint colors and a kitchen update that's worthy of a DIY shelter magazine.

But the home's outside — its "curb appeal" — remained "dark and cold," wrote Angela in a 48-word essay that she sent off with a photo of the three-bedroom cottage, built in 1947. The grand prize, selected from 1,200 entries, included a new garage door and installation, exterior lighting and an exterior paint job.

The prize also included face time with the design-savvy Dacoda, who had flown in from Los Angeles to get the ball rolling to turn dark and cold into light and inviting.

"Are you open to changing colors?" she asked. "Oh, yeah," replied Angela and Jason, a 31-year-old software engineer and musician, with matching grins.

Over the dining room table, Dacoda spread out her sketches and fanned out a proposed color scheme that would bathe the dated reddish exterior in "Lunar Light," "Pebble Stone" and "Pearl

Drops" — a sophisticated, three-toned neutral palette. Heads nodded enthusiastically all around.

Then came pictures of the carriage-style lanterns Dacoda had selected to update the pedestrian fixtures at the front of the house and on the garage and to replace floodlights in the back yard. Again, thumbs up.

Finally, they oohed and aahed over the seemingly endless choices in the garage-door brochure before settling on a wood, carriage-house design with a dozen windows across the top. Details on the lower part of the door would echo the "Z" design on the house's existing shutters.

Walking around the perimeter, Dacoda ticked off how the paint scheme should be applied. "Lunar Light," the warm vanilla shade, would cover the siding. "Pebble Stone," a rich taupey-tan, would anchor the majority of the trim, including the front shutters. "Pearl Drops," which looks just like its name, would pick out trim detail.

Dacoda also suggested adding new house numbers that would



THE HOME OF JASON AND ANGELA ONDO is shown July 12 in San Jose. The Ondos won a home-makeover from the home improvement show "While You Were Out."



"WHILE YOU WERE OUT" host Chayse Dacoda, right, stands with Angela Ondo outside her home July 12, 2005, in San Jose. The transformation of the exterior of the Ondo home was about to begin.



DACODA, LEFT, DISCUSSES the transformation of the exterior of the Ondo's home as Angela, center, and her husband, Jason Ondo, top right, listen in their dining room.

look more attractive — and be more visible — from a new position on the right side of the garage front. And that mailbox, she asked, "Are you wedded to that?" Angela laughed and told her it most certainly could go.

With the particulars decided, workers were lined up to get started. First came the painters, then the garage-door installers. Later, the light fixtures went up and finally the hammered bronze house numbers and new mailbox ("pulling out that old eyesore was one of the first things we did," said Angela). A couple of big glazed ceramic pots planted with fountain grass and flowers were added for a little extra oomph.

"This project just completely breathed new life into the house," said Angela. "Before, the house color and the garage door color and the brick driveway just all blended into a reddish mish-mash. The new color scheme really complements the roof (a faux slate) and the driveway perfectly. It's an amazing transformation."

That's exactly what Patricia L. Lohse had in mind when she helped select the Ondo home to win the makeover.

"It was a neat house with a lot of cottagey character, but it was so dark," said Lohse, vice president of dealer residential marketing for Clopay Building Products, which manufactures residential garage doors. Clopay sponsored the contest with Meredith Corp., publisher of several home magazines.

"We thought the 'after' pictures could be pretty dramatic," Lohse said.

The results of the makeover will be featured in the November-December issues of Renovation Style, Better Homes & Gardens, Better By Design, Country Home and Traditional Home magazines.

While the Ondos admit to being a little uncomfortable with all the attention, Angela — who had never entered a contest before — said she still "can't get over how fortunate we were to be selected." The makeover, she said, was something "we wouldn't have been able to do on our own."

And the project has stirred up Angela's DIY juices.

"I'm huge into the whole DIY thing. I'm always starting a new project," she said. "And this has inspired me to think about the landscaping."

Where to see more

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The dramatic makeover of the exterior of Angela and Jason Ondo's San Jose home was accomplished for under \$10,000. But the young couple didn't write a single check for the big-ticket changes; bills were picked up by Clopay Building Products and Meredith Corporation, which sponsored a contest Angela won. Here's the breakdown, according to Mischel Schonberg, a spokeswoman for Clopay, which manufactures garage doors:

- Painting (materials and labor): \$4,200.
- Garage door and installation: \$4,000.
- Exterior lighting: \$550.

Chayse Dacoda's top 10 instant upgrades

Cosmetic changes to a house's exterior can add major curb appeal. We asked designer Chayse Dacoda from the TLC home-improvement series "While You Were Out" to share her Top 10 ideas for instant upgrades. Here's her list:

1. This may be an obvious one, so I have to get it out of the way first. Paint your house. Most houses need it anyway. Go crazy. Do what you have always wanted. Many tones of the same hue used in conjunction can really add dimension to the house. And remember, decorative moldings on older houses give license to use more than one color. Good prep work, like sanding off worn and chipped areas and priming, can make an exterior paint job last a lot longer.
2. Change outdated light fixtures or add lights if you don't

have some already. Light up your doorways and walkways. Better to have more lights at lower wattages than one very bright one.

3. Add landscaping. Consult a nursery for plants and shrubs that work best in your area. If you're an urban dweller, don't let concrete stop you — add pots and planters. The right landscaping around a property will make all the difference in the world.

4. Replace a worn-out garage door with a new decorative model such as a carriage-house-style door. This will have a big impact, especially if you have a front-facing garage. Manufacturers offer many designs and decorative accessories, so it's easy to create a door that will complement the architecture of your home.

5. Illuminate your landscape. This will completely change the look of your property at night. Angle low lighting pointing up at trees and bushes and pointing down along a pathway for safety. Keep it simple. Use solar lights that charge during the day and you won't have to run wires.

6. Resurface your driveway. Instead of asphalt or concrete, consider installing one with a woven stone and grass pattern.

7. Add details such as shutters, decorative moldings and fun elements like weather vanes to the outside of your house. Make bland windows come alive and define the architecture of your house with mullions, moldings, decorative paves, fixed shutters or iron scrollwork.

8. Add a stone walkway or path going to the house instead of grass or a wide swath of concrete.

9. Replace a chain-link fence with a wood one. Be unpredictable. Instead of a picket fence, put in one that has slanted, multiple-height wood slats.

10. Plant a tree. Nothing will appreciate more than a tree.

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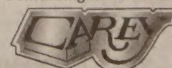


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PHILADELPHIA — The latest hot hobby turns the page on scrapbooking, sets aside the knitting. Crafters do more than just string and knot: Some make their own beads.

In the '60s they stood for love. In the '70s Bo Derek put them in her hair and started a sensation.

Now, beads are back. Big time. They're on our wrists and around our necks. They're on our shoes, and handbags, and cell-phone cases. They dangle from our earlobes, and caress our ankles.

But this bead craze isn't being fueled by the counterculture, or some wardrobe department in Hollywood. It's home-grown, largely suburban, and totally mainstream, having become a hot do-it-yourself hobby that's got millions of women stringing and knotting for fun.

"I started beading as a way to make gifts for my big family," said Tammy Honaman of Collegeville, Pa., who has seven siblings. "I also have a lot of stepbrothers and sisters and aunts and uncles, and we all live in the same area."

Honaman, 37, has been a serious beader for more than 10 years.

According to the Craft & Hobby Association, beading has become almost as popular as scrapbooking and yarn work, the two stalwarts of the \$29 billion American crafting industry.

"We go through cycles, where one category is popular for a couple of years, and then another," said Bill Gardner, editor of Craftsrends magazine. "Since 1997 scrapbooking has really driven the industry. The last five or six years yarn has been going like crazy. Now, beads are taking off."

Across the nation, bead stores have increased by 150 percent over the last four years. More than 15 television shows about beading have surfaced on HGTV, the Style Network, the Do-It-Yourself Network, and public television.

Two Philadelphia-area beading magazines recently sponsored Beadfest, a sort of all-you-can-buy banquet of beads.

"When we started Beadfest four years ago, we had 100 booths," said

Joseph Breck, publisher of Lapidary Journal and Step by Step Beads magazines. "This year we'll have 330 booths, and 2,500 people attending more than 100 classes."

The classes have titles such as "Wirewoven Beads," "Right Angle Weave Bracelets," "Pattern Peyote Points," and "Loopy Birdnest Earrings." Which proves that if you still think beading is just lining up baubles on a string, you need to think again.

The hottest trend at the moment is lampworking, or making individual beads out of molten glass.

Today's beadsters not only weave beads into intricate patterns, they also work with wire, metal clay, crimping tools and needles.

The craft's core demographic is suburban, middle-age women with disposable income, who spend an average of \$400 to \$1,000 a year on supplies, Breck said.

"But recently we've been seeing a lot more young people entering the craft," he said. "If you look at teen magazines, you'll see a section devoted to a craft activity of some sort, often beading, in each issue."

Jennifer Wechsler, who owns Beadworks in Society Hill, Pa., said the craft is popular because it's easy to begin, and inexpensive to continue.

"It's fun, and the selection of beads is amazing," she said.

Beadworks sells everything from simple wooden beads, colorful African trade beads, and beads made from recycled tires to beads made of diamonds, with prices that range from 5 cents to \$1,700 per item.

"One of the things that brings people into beading is the idea of gift-making," said Marie White, editor of Lapidary Journal. "You look at a fashion magazine and see something that's really pretty and you re-

alize you can make it as a gift for a heck of a lot less."

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Patti Dougherty of Elkins Park, Pa., is a lampwork artist who teaches classes in the intricate process, and whose work has been shown in galleries and beading magazines.

"There are basically two different categories of beaders out there," she said. "People who buy beads and assemble them into jewelry, and people who make their own parts."

Lampworking, according to the International Society of Glass Beadmakers, is an ancient technique, originally practiced using oil lamps. Today, artists like Dougherty use propane torches.

Already accomplished in painting and sculpture, Dougherty said she began making glass beads about 11 years ago.

"I wanted to have a cottage industry. I wanted to stay home, and making beads I can," she said.

Dougherty calls her work "biomorphic," meaning her beads are abstract shapes inspired by things in nature. "Marine organisms, coral, seashells, flowers," Dougherty explained.

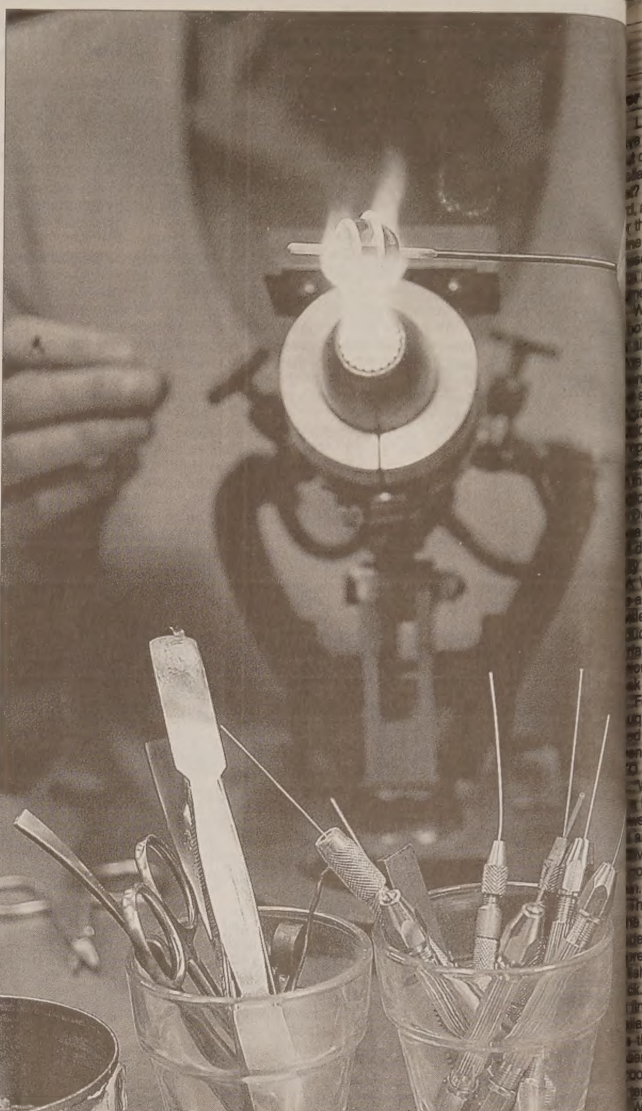
Lampworking looks easier than it is.

"I can teach you how to make a bead in 15 minutes," Dougherty said. "But, like anything else, to make something that has some finesse takes lots of practice."

At Jubili Beads & Yarns in Collingswood, Pa., lampworking classes sell out quickly, said owner Judy Weinstein. When she opened the store in 2003, she thought the yarn portion of the store would attract most of her business.

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PATTI DOUGHERTY, a glass bead maker and artist, does lamp work at her studio in Elkins Park, Pa.

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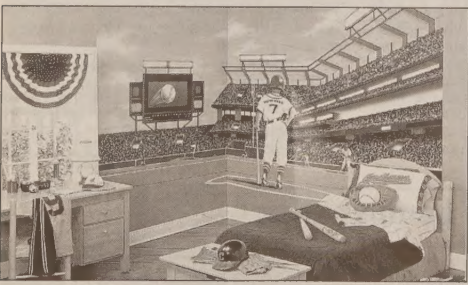
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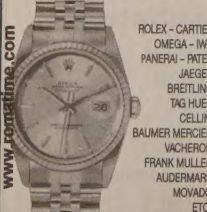
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